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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO IMPLEMENT INDUSTRIAL TRUCE DECISIONS

Comprehensive Machinery For New Labour-Capital Relations

PROFIT-SHARING BONUS FOR STEPPING-UP PRODUCTION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24.

The institution of a comprehensive machinery for settling Labour-Capital disputes, the initiation of measures to step up production such as joint consultations, profit-sharing bonuses and wage revision plans, have been taken in hand by the Government of India.

A completely new Industrial Relations set-up is being rapidly worked out in a determined attempt to implement the all-party decisions taken at the recent Industries Conference here.

The Industrial truce having come into force except in the matter of the contemplated token-strike in Bombay, the Government of India it is understood, are working out details for setting up Central, Provincial, Regional and Unit Production Committees, as recommended by the Conference.

THE FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEES WILL INAUGURATE A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOUR IN INDIA.

It is likely that the Committees may be set up in the first instance in industries like Textiles, steel, Cenment and Sugar and then extended to other industries like Transport, Mining and Engineering.

The Unit Committees for each factory might consist of four or representatives of the employer, an equal number of labour representatives and one or two independent men nominated by the Government.

There will be regional committees for each industry, in a particular region with equal representation for employers, workers and Government. Consumers also will be represented.

Then there will be a Provincial Committee for the whole Province on the same lines as the Regional Committee.

Lastly, there will be a Central All-India Committee.

IN CASE OF DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

If there is a difference of opinion in a Unit Production Committee, for example, on a proposal for increased production, the matter may be referred to the Regional Committee, which will have expert advice. It will also be the function of the Regional Committee to see that agreements in the unit production committees are carried out.

General directions may be issued by Provincial as well as Central Committees, the Provincial Committee's directions being subject to the Central Committee's decisions.

It is felt that the personnel of the Unit Committees can perform the functions of Works Committees as well by holding separate sittings.

If there is no agreement in a Works Committee, the matter will immediately be taken up by conciliation machinery and other industrial relations machinery. To facilitate their work, compilation officers may be attached to the Unit Committees.

PERMANENT CONCILIATION BOARDS

One proposal is that both the Provincial and Central Governments should maintain permanent Conciliation Boards and Industrial Tribunals. A Province may have a Tribunal, consisting of three to seven members, according to the extent of its industrialisation. The members may be distributed over different areas and one member only may settle small disputes on the spot. Important cases may be heard either by the whole tribunal or by two or more of its members.

The Central Government may have a Tribunal, consisting of three to five members to lay down general principles on important points, which will serve as a guide to all the Tribunals in India. Where necessary, the Provincial Government could utilise the Central machinery and 'vice versa'.

The question of production bonus is also under consideration. It is suggested that workers' share in profits accruing solely from increased production should be a substantial percentage and this bonus may be distributed preferably at short intervals. ....

GOVT. TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO REVISE WAGES

The question of industries where wages are low although no dispute has so far arisen is also engaging the Government's attention. Government are considering whether they should not, of their own accord, refer suitable cases to tribunals or courts of enquiry instead of waiting till there is an actual threat of a strike. Such Government action would create confidence in the workers, in addition to removing the hardships of unorganised units.

Apart from production and works committees, the Government is studying the British system of "working parties" for each industry. The function of "working parties" would be to investigate the whole question of production in each industry and make recommendations both short-term and long-term, for improving production.

TOKEN STRIKE VIOLATES 'CEASE-FIRE' PACT

It Has Nothing To Do With Adjudication Machinery, Contends Nanda

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, told a conference of newspapermen today that the Socialist Party-inspired strike move was "an attack on the democratic character of the present Government" and warned that 'in the present setting of scarcity, want and underproduction a very slight dislocation at one point may cause a series of tragic reactions elsewhere'.

Declaring that "there is no man more dissatisfied with existing conditions in this country than I" Mr. Nanda said that both the "industrial truce" pact reached in Delhi and the "Understanding on fundamental issues" arrived at in the Bombay Secretariat conference on Monday clearly invalidated any reason, if there had been one, for city trade unions to launch on a demonstration strike. It had no justifiable basis; the situation was not so desperate that "a bombshell was needed to make us listen"; its results would set at naught the unanimous understanding reached in the Capital.

WORKERS INVITED ADJUDICATION

Mr. Nanda expressed sorrow that the very adjudication machinery the Bombay Government had brought into existence was now being pitted against them. "We were anxious that justice should be done to the employees. Because I agreed to take up their cases, I am now being blamed for the inevitable delays. The workers were not in a condition to strike and came to me for help. Barring one or two instances, all the cases were sponsored for adjudication voluntarily by the workers themselves. Hence it is ridiculous to argue that the adjudication machinery is unprogressive," he said.

Repudiating the charge that the set-up of the adjudication machinery was 'partisan" in character, the Labour Minister characterised the charge as "serious and misconceived". One might allege the machinery was narrow in outlook but the jibe that it was partisan was disproved by the fact that "employers hated it and would be better off without it." They were being compelled to resort to it and if at all the machinery was "partisan", it was

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INDO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP

All the countries of the world are hastening to send their diplomatic representatives to Free India. The latest to arrive in New Delhi is M. Novikov, Russian Ambassador to India. He is seen here coming off the plane with his son and wife. Receiving him (hat in hand) is Mr. R. R. Saxena, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs.

GREEK GUERILLAS FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

Royal Decree Provides For Exercise Of King's Authority By Queen

ATHENS, Dec. 24. (Reuter): The formation of a Greek Rebel Government was announced in a broadcast from Gen. Markos' guerrilla headquarters early today, according to Greek Government sources.

The Government is reported to be headed by Gen. Markos and includes former Resistance leaders and prominent leaders of the Greek Communist Party.

Reliable reports gave the full composition of the new guerilla Government as follows: Prime Minister and Minister for War Markos Vafiades; Vice-Premier and Minister of the Interior: Joannis Joannides; Foreign Minister: M. Petros Roussos; Minister of Supplies: M. Stringos; Minister of Justice: Militiades Porphyrogenis; Minister of Finance: Barzots; Minister of Welfare: Prof. Yannis Kokkalis and Minister of Agriculture: Blantas.

WHITEHALL REACTIONS

In Whatehall today it was felt that if diplomatic backing is extended to Gen. Markos from Moscow and Belgrade, then a further very grave step toward irrevocable splitting of Europe has now been taken.

ROYAL DECREE

King Paul of Greece today signed a Royal Decree providing for the exercise of the Royal Authority by Queen Frederica in the event of his being prevented from doing so by illness.

King Paul is at present suffering from a relapse following an attack of typhoid a month ago.

Bulgarian Govt. To Seize Industrial Enterprises

PRAGUE, Dec. 24 (UPA): The Bulgarian Cabinet today authorized an immediate Government seizure of all "important" industrial enterprises except co-operatives, artisans and certain printing establishments under the nationalization law awaiting a parliamentary passage, the Yugoslav News Agency, "Tanjug", reported today.

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BAO DAI IN BANGKOK.

BANGKOK, Dec. 24. (Reuter): Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam who has been living in exile at Hongkong, arrived here by air today, travelling incognito, and is to go on to Rangoon tomorrow.

NOVIKOV CALLS ON NEHRU.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (A. P. I.): The Russian Ambassador-Designate M. Novikov called on the Prime Minister Pandit Nehru.

INTERIM AID AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (U. P. A.): Acting Secretary of State Lovett said today the State Department expects soon to sign agreements with France, Italy and Austria, thereby setting the $522,000,000 interim aid programme into operation.

NEW COMMAND FOR CHINA'S N.-W. PROVINCES.

NANKING, Dec. 24, (U. P. A.): A reliable report that the Chinese Government was considering the establishment of a new over-all command in China's north-western provinces came after the news of a decisive victory virtually eliminating the Communist threat to Mukden, the capital of Manchuria.

400 Succumb To Cold In Lahore

LAHORE, Dec. 24 (UPI): Approximately 400 Muslim refugees are reported to have died of cold in the Walton camp on Monday night. Besides, numerous others died on the road sides all over the province.

China Cancels Marshal Siang's Passport

NANKING, Dec. 24, (Reuter): The Chinese Government has cancelled the diplomatic passport issued to Marshal Feng Yu Siang, who went to the United States to study water conservancy and recently defied a "come home" order from China.

Pope Denounces Atheism And Violence

Choice For World Is To Be With Or Against Christ, He Says

ROME, December 24. (Reuter): His Holiness the Pope in his Christmas broadcast over Vatican Radio today denounced "emissaries of a concept of life and human society based on atheism and violence", describing as traitors those who voted for or supported such political parties.

"He is a deserter and traitor who would give material support, services, talent or vote, to parties and forces which deny God, enthrone might in place of right, and threat and terror in place of liberty, which make of lies and incitement of the masses so many weapons of their policy, thus rendering national and international peace impossible".

The Pope declared Europe and the world had reached a turning point in their destiny.

He said: "A titanic struggle is raging between two opposite spirits.

The honest efforts of some to achieve an equitable peace and the systematic planning of others to prevent their fulfilment bring to mind a dangerous game of chance, of which the stakes are happiness or ruin.

"The gravity of the crisis is unquestionable.

Its possibilities include immeasurable evil and consequences unpredictable.

DIVISION v. BROTHERHOOD

"The human race," the Pope said, "will be powerless to emerge from the present crisis unless it restrains and controls the forces of division by a sincere spirit of brotherhood, uniting all classes, races and nations.

"When the concept of a society embracing men with rights and duties determined by a fixed law begins to die out, there arises a morbid hyper-sensitiveness to over-state one's rights, true or imagined, and neglect of the essential needs of others. This opens a way for a battle of all, against all, a battle which knows no other rights but strength.

"Pray and work to obtain from God the grace that the year 1948 may be for wounded Europe and for the nations torn by discord a year of re-birth and peace."

The Pope delivered his half-hour address, followed by the Apostolic Benediction, in person, after fears had been felt that it might have to be read by a substitute owing to the Pope's ill-health.

The Pope declared: Europe and the world, including distant and tormented China, are today farther from real peace, farther from complete and de-

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FOOD PRICES RISE BY 10 POINTS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (API): The Economic Adviser's All-India index of wholesale prices of food articles (base: last week of August, 1939: 100) for the week ended December 13, 1947, worked out to 294.7 compared with 284.4 (revised) for the previous week and 262.6 for the corresponding week of last year.

A. I. C. C. TO MEET IN JANUARY

LUCKNOW, Dec. 24 (API): The All-India Congress Committee will meet towards the end of January next to consider the report of the Congress Constitution Committee and to amend the present constitution of the Indian National Congress, it is reliably learned.

MADRAS, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): The Raja of Pudukottah has appointed Mr. Karunakara Menon, Assistant Director of Agriculture, to be the Dewan of the State in place of Khan Bahadur P. Khalifullah.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

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Today's Closing	35.73
Difference	+9

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining $34-3/4.
General Motors $97.5/8.
United States Steel Common $80.
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LAST QUOTATIONS.

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Gold Forward	104 8
Sovereign	67 10

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REDS POISED FOR ATTACK ON MUKDEN

NANKING, Dec. 24, (Reuter): Two mobile columns of Communist troops, in a lightning thrust from the north-west have reached the outskirts of Mukden, the capital of Manchuria, according to independent reports received in Nanking today. Other columns are poised within a thirty miles radius of the city.

General Chen Cheng, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Government Forces, is directing operations against the Communists from a sick bed.

MONGOLIAN CAVALRY AWAITS ORDERS

One report received in Nanking claimed that 140,000 Mongolian Cavalry troops were concentrated north-west of Mukden awaiting orders to march on the city.

DECREE ON NEW CONSTITUTION

The Chinese Government was expected to issue decrees either tonight or tomorrow declaring the coming into force of China's new constitution, announcing the date for the convocation of the newly-elected National Assembly and, extending the existence of the present People's Political Council until the opening of the Assembly.

The one-party political tutelage of the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) will end tomorrow, although the return of 90 per cent of this party's candidates assures the return of a similar Government.

India's Envoy For Belgium

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (API): Pending the appointment of an Ambassador, the Government of India have appointed Mr. B. F. H. B. Tyabji, I.C.S., as Charge d'Affaires in Brussels, says a Communique issued by the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

WHEN SOCIALISTS WILL JOIN CENTRAL GOVT.

Jai Prakash's Interview

GAUHATI, Dec. 24 (API): "Socialists do not want to shirk responsibility but we will not join the Government unless we have an effective voice in it", said Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, Socialist leader, in an interview to the Associated Press on the eve of his departure to Calcutta by air after a twelve-day visit to Assam.

BEAR NO ILL-WILL AGAINST CHRISTIANS

Mahatma's Christmas Eve Message Assures; He Is Friend Of Sikhs

DELHI, Dec. 24.

A warning not to entertain any illwill against the small minority of Christians or to seek to convert them was made by Mahatma Gandhi in the course of his Christmas-Eve prayer speech today.

Gandhiji also referred to protests against his references to the Sikhs and stated that he was a staunch friend of the Sikhs and there was no fear of the world misjudging them because of what he had said.

Mahatma Gandhi said Sikh friends had been coming to see him and he had seen some newspaper cuttings. There seemed to be a general impression that he had become an enemy of the Sikhs. They would not have worried much about that but for the fact that his word seemed to carry weight with the world outside India.

He could not but laugh at the anger of the Sikh friends. They attributed to him many things that he had not said. He made no distinction between Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims. He had criticised the Sikhs for their drink habit and for the atrocities that they were reported to have committed. That did not mean that all Sikhs had acted in a wrong manner. Nor did it mean that the Hindus could be absolved. As they were a virile race, he certainly expected more from the Sikhs. He had freely acknowledged their many merits if he had pointed out their faults. Those who tried to minimise or overlook cruel deeds done, were enemies of Sikhs. Not he, who owned no enemy. Whatever he had said, he had said as a staunch friend. He was not unaware of the lofty teachings of the Granth Saheb. The Sikh friends should never fear that they would be misjudged by the world because of what he had said.

NO BELIEF IN CONVERSIONS

Mahatma Gandhi next referred to the Christmas day of the morrow. He offered greetings to all Christian friends in India and outside and hoped that they would enforce in their own lives the teachings of Jesus Christ. He warned Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs against entertaining any ill-will towards the Christians, who were a minority in India. Nor should they entertain any wish about converting them to Hinduism, Islam or Sikhism. He did not believe in such conversions. He wanted the Christians to be good Christians, the Muslims to be good Muslims, the Sikhs to be good Sikhs and the Hindus to be good Hindus under all circumstances. That to him was real conversion.

He had seen in the newspapers that in view of the fact that the state patronage to Christianity or any other religion would not be given, most of the churches in India would have to be closed down, Mahatma Gandhi said religion could never be served through money. The Christians should rejoice that an artificial prop was being removed God was omnipresent. Our bodies were real temples rather than buildings of stone. The best place for congregational worship for any religion, in his opinion, was in the open with the sky above as the canopy and mother earth below for floor. Every individual was the protector of his own religion against the whole world.

INDIA needs..

PUBLIC SAFETY

Does an Indian today feel that he is perfectly safe and well protected by the police? Or does he live in fear of attacks from 'Goondas'? To ensure public safety, Government must eliminate all undesirable characters by sending them to reformatories or prisons, or labour camps, operating under military guard, for the construction of new roads, canals and other public works which are so badly needed today. Government must also keep a check on released convicts. The best procedure would be to compel every free citizen to carry an Identification Card bearing his photograph, name, address, physical characteristics and a social security number. Such a card would enable the police to spot and eliminate all desperados and armed bandits.

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Bombay Races.

Fancied Horses Make Poor Show At Mahaluxmi

EASTERN JEST WINS AGA KHAN'S CUP

By Our Racing Correspondent

BOMBAY Wednesday.

The attendance at Mahaluxmi today when the programme for the Eighth Winter Meeting was decided was rather moderate. Fancied horses failed to play expected roles in most events and ultimately the layers of odds had the better of the exchange.

The unknown Serenade was the medium of a coup in the opening event, the second division of the Chowpatty Plate. Extensive betting at small prices was made on this filly who deadheated for the first place with Golden Horn. Bookmakers made a bad beginning but later in the day they rejoiced at the expense of followers of the money. Aziz was the other winner to score in the card.

Mr. Tyebjee's Eastern Jest scored a spectacular win in the day's attraction, the Aga Khan's Cup. The five-year-old Masked Jester mare lay last of the six contestants at most part of the journey and came with a rare burst over the distance to score by 3/4 length from Quick Sand. The latter had poor assistance from the saddle. Between the ten and nine he was placed second behind the leader Pillar to Post but approaching the eight he fell back rapidly. The Chestnut who is considered a good stayer came through the middle of the field nearing the grandstands and made shortliving pretention. Ultimately he fell a prey to the late bid of Eastern Jest. The heavily supported Byculla raced on the extreme outside till the first curve and pulling hard he went to the front soon after passing the eight and faded out in the home-turn.

Buckley scored a double through the medium of gambled Serenade and most neglected Aunt Eliza.

The treble event pool was solved by 109 ticket-holders each of whom collected Rs. 642-0-0

The following are the results:—

CHOWPATTY PLATE—(Div. II) 6 Furs.

H. H. Akkasaheb Maharaj's GOLDEN HORN 8-7 Medhe Dead Heat 1
Mr. R. G. Saulez's SERENADE 8-7 Jagdish ..... Dead Heat 1
Mr. S. Zito's INDIANA 8-7 Poshni 3
Mr. G. A. Jasdanwalla's QUEENS BESS 8-7 Cunningham 4

Not run: Patricia's Choice, Celeste, Padmini Devi.

Won by: Dead heat, 3¾l, 3¾l.
Time: 1 m. 17 scs.
Tote paid: Rs. 16 and 10 for win, Rs. 11, 12 and 13 for places.

BELLASIS PLATE—7 Furs.

Mr. Osman Chotani's PUT ALL 8-9 Narayan Singh 1
Maharaja of Idar's BELLE D'ANTIBES 8-12 Shaikh 2
H. H. Akkasaheb Maharaj's POUND NOTE 8-5 Mullsingh 3
Mr. S. F. Hasnain's ZANZAVAT 7-8 Kasbekar 4

Won by: Nk., 2¾l, 1-1/4.
Time: 1 m. 30-2/5 scs.
Not run: Begum Chitor, Brilliant Sunshine.
Tote paid: Rs. 51 for win, Rs. 17 16 and 18 for places.

CHOWPATTY PLATE—(Div. I.) 6 Furs.

Sir Shantidas Askuran's AUNT ELIZA 8-7 Uttamsingh 1
M/s. H. S. and R. S. Mistry's COME AGAIN 8-7 Purtusingh 2
Mrs. Shalini Jadhav's GOLDEN POM 8-7 Mullsingh 3
Mrs. S. M. Modi's QUEEN'S CUP 8-7 Shaikh 4

Won by: S.hd., Nk., S.hd.
Time: 1 m. 18 scs.
Not run: Post to Post, Big Hit, Jouette.
Tote paid: Rs. 351 for win, Rs. 60, 21 and 15 for places.

THE MANDVI PLATE—6 Furs.

Mr. S. F. Hasnain's GAY COUNT 7-12 Deshmukh 1
Mr. Syed Fatah's MAQUI 8-11 Damodar 2
Mr. and Mrs. Lakhia's TOISTAR 9-7 N. Dar 3
M/s. J. D. Banatwalla's and R. K. Khona's STAR IN A MILLION 8-7 (Cunningham 4

Won by: 3¾l, SHd. 4¾l.
Time: 1 m. 17-1/5 scs.
Not run: Vikram Aditya.
Tote paid: Rs. 46 for win, Rs. 15, 17 and 16 for places.

THE OKARA PLATE—1 Mile

M/s. Chandulal J. Shah's and A. H. Ahmedbhoy's AZIZ 9-0 Burn 1
Maharaja of Kashmir's RAJ DOOT 8-10 Duncombe 2
Mr. Rafi's KUNIGAL STAR 8-12 Ricaby 3
Rajya Ratna M. C. Patel's TRUMAN 8-8 P. Khade 4

Won by: ¾l, Nk., 1 length.
Time: 1 m. 43 3/5 scs.
Not run: Amar Kirti.
Tote paid: Rs. 30 for win, Rs. 14, 19 and 23 for places.

THE AGA KHAN'S CUP—1¼ Miles

Mr. A. S. Tyebjee's EASTERN JEST 8-3 Cunningham 1
Mr. F. S. Kerr's QUICKSAND 7-12 Younger 2
Mr. Osman Chotani's PILLAR TO POST 8-13 Jones 3
The Chief of Patdi's and Mrs. P. J. Sheth's PANNA 8-3 Evans .. 4

Won by: 3¼, 3l, 1-1/4l.
Not run: Laxmi Vilas, Philita.
Time: 2 m. 49-2/5 scs.
Tote paid: Rs. 43 for win, Rs. 14, 20 and 15 for places.

THE VELLARD PLATE—6 Furs.

Rao Saheb D. K. Parker's GEORGIE 8-6 P. Khade 1
Mr. Osman Chotani's PRINCESS PADMA 9-4 Purtusingh 2
Mr. A. S. Tyebjee's TANTALUM 8-6 Cunningham 3
Mrs. M. C. Patel's GHIZALA 8-9 Evans 4

Not run: Bhopal Star, Chocolate Baby.
Tote paid: Rs. 64 for win, Rs. 24, 30 and 20 for places.

TIME AMARNATH WENT HIGHER IN BATTING LIST

Duleepsinhji Stresses Importance Of Consistent Openers

SYDNEY, Dec. 24 (Reuter): Compelling figures support K. S. Duleepsinhji's contention that Amarnath should go in higher in the batting list for the Indian touring cricket team in Australia. Withdrawals and late arrivals made early experiments inevitable, but the period of experiment has now passed, and it is essential to establish a settled batting order.

Tabulated hereunder are the opening partnerships in first class matches since the tour began—truly amazing record of futility, which emphasises the heavy burden which the Indian Captain has tried to carry.

West Australia, nine; South Australia, one and 13; Victoria, zero and 24; New South Wales, 11 and 36; Australian eleven, 11 and 69; Queensland, seven and 59; First Test, zero and 14; Second Test, two and 17.

The partnerships of 59 in the second innings against Queensland was due to Amir Elahi's hurricane 44. No one would accuse Amir Elahi of being an opening batsman.

UNSUITABLE SECONDS

In the position of first wicket down, Kishenchand, Adhikari, Rangnekar, Phadkar, Gul Mahomed, Rai Singh and Sarwate have been tried in succession and found unsuitable. Gul Mahomed, as No. 3, made 85 in the first innings of the Australian Eleven match, but everyone was on tenterhooks throughout owing to the audacious risks he took.

England and Australia traditionally set store on consistent openers. Partners like Maclaren and Hayward, Hobbs and Rhodes, Hobbs and Sutcliffe, Trumper and Duff, Collins and Bardsley and Woodfull and Ponsford concreted the way for the world's most brilliant rungetters—Ranjisinhji, Fry, Wooley, Henderson, Hammond, Leyland, Syd Gregory, Clem Hill, Ransford, Macartney, McCabe and Bradman.

DON'T SACRIFICE MANKAD

Another matter of vital concern is the necessity to avoid early sacrifice of Mankad, who has made 535 first class runs on the tour, but whose Test innings yielded only zero, seven, five and five.

Ranvirsinhji has been given little chance to attain form, his only first class match being against New South Wales, when in the second innings he withstood the attack of Lindwall, Miller and Toshack for 68 minutes and made 27. Ranvirsinhji is a recognised opening batsman.

GIVE IT A TRIAL

Many critics are convinced that the Indians are capable of making of lot of runs with a settled batting order and a good start, but too often they have been forced to struggle following an early collapse.

If the following order were established and given a chance to prove itself, India's total might well be higher and made more confidently—Sarwate, Ranvirsinhji, Amarnath, Hazare, Mankad, Kishenchand, Adhikari, Gul Mahomed, Phadkar and Nayudu.

Weissmuller To Swim Channel

HOLLYWOOD Dec. 23. (UPA): Johnny Weissmuller let loose his best Tarzan bellow when he heard those nasty whispers that his English Channel swimming project is just a press agent gag.

He's Channel bound next summer, he roared, no matter what the doubters say.

There's been a complication, too. Ever since the brawny tree-swinger of the movies announced he would plough the waves between Cape Gris Nez, France, and Dover, England, his phone's been a-buzzin.

Ha Ha his callers smirk.

Tarzan abandoned his usual ugh! and indignantly doffered the ears off of 'em—except us. We politely pointed out that April in the Channel, the original date for the project, wasn't quite like April in Paris.

The water would rattle the thermometer at 45 degrees. Not even Tarzan, with the blubber he collects between movies could stand that.

"Oh", he said. "Oh, sure. Well I meant summer of couse."

Just because he's been swinging through the Hollywood jungles for 13 years doesn't mean he can't shake an ankle through a real wave any more the Jungle Lord snapped.

"Whadda they think I'm too old or something?" He demanded, flipping a mop of black hair, near shoulder-length out of his eyes.

The only big "if" to the Channel sprint is the tides. If they don't look right to Mr. W., he won't stick even his big toe in the drink.

"Well, there's no point in trying to swim the Channel unless I can break the record." He shrugged. "The other guys who did it were slow. They waited for the tides and floated over. Heck, you could throw in an empty bottle and it could get across that way."

The Weissmuller formula, he whispered, is float in the first tide, outswim the second, and float to shore on the third.

"If that second tide isn't too fast to outswim, I'll make it. It takes a fast swimmer to buck the tides and I was a champion amateur sprinter."

The longest distance he's swum before was an amateur haul of 10 miles in the Chicago River. That trek took about four hours. Weissmuller figures the 19-mile Channel haul will take ten.

For this astounding feat Mr. Weissmuller is not yet quite prepared, he admitted. He has just finished "Tarzan and the Mermaid," which means the pounds are once again draping his six-foot-three idle frame.

But he'll pare 'em off, he promised, when he swims three shows a day for five weeks in a London Aquacade, beginning February 23.

"That's when I got the Channel idea, when I found out the show was going to England," he explained. "For years I've dreamed of making that swim out never had the chance."

Johnny won't get any cup or fancy medal if he pegs up a record for the Channel crossing. But he figures he's had enough of those, for his 50 individual championships, 39 National championships, 75 world speed records, Olympic game honours in 1924 and 1928 etc. etc.

He just thinks a Channel record would be 'sorta nice to have.' And being the greatest swimmer of all time, he seems the logical guy to get it. That is, if those tides don't cross him up.

N. S. WALES BEAT S. AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE, Dec. 24 (Reuter): New South Wales beat South Australia by nine wickets in their Sheffield Shield Match which ended here today. South Australia had followed on yesterday, and though they saved the innings-defeat by scoring 208 (First Innings 352 in reply to New South Wales 509) they left New South Wales needing only 52 runs, which were scored for the loss of one wicket.

NO INTENTION OF CHANGING CAPITAL

Key Industries Will Be Nationalised, Says Gadgil

NAGPUR, Dec. 23. (API): The Government of India have no intention of changing its capital from Delhi to any other place. On the other hand they have formulated plans for building up Greater Delhi, said Mr. N.V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, Government of India, who arrived here today from Madras.

Mr. Gadgil was speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the President of the C.P. and Berar Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa, Governor of C.P. and Berar, Mr. R.K. Patil, Food Minister, C.P. and Berar, and Mr. Punamchand Ranka, President of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee were among those present on the occasion.

Mr. Gadgil pointed out that it was the policy of the Government to nationalise as many key industries as possible. They had already ordered the survey of the whole of India for ascertaining its mineral wealth. The prosperity of any province whether agriculturally or industrially, should not be considered as confined only to that province but must be regarded as pertaining to the whole country he added.

Lucknow Vs Calcutta

LUCKNOW, Dec. 24. (A. P. I.): In the second Semi-Final of the North Zone Inter-Varsity Cricket Championship between Lucknow and Calcutta Lucknow at the close of the play had scored 318 runs for seven wickets in their second knock.

LUCKNOW (First Innings) 101.
CALCUTTA (First Innings) 254
LUCKNOW (Second Innings) 318 for 7 wickets.

India Must Come First

C.P. Minister's Call To Jubbulpore Rotarians

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.).

"We must keep pace with the fast changing times and adjust ourselves accordingly. Otherwise we would not be able to retain our freedom which we have achieved after thousand years of foreign domination", observed Pandit Dwarakaprasad Misra, Minister for Information, C. P. addressing the Jubbulpore Rotary Club yesterday night at Jackson's Hotel on the occasion of a dinner given in honour of Premier Pandit Ravishankar Shukla and his colleagues.

More than hundred and fifty guests and members attended.

Pandit Misra in his address said that the Indian Union has been built on democratic principles with the voluntary co-operation of the component units and it was the imperative duty of all concerned to strengthen it. There was no room for communalism and narrow provincialism in the country's present public and political life. He asked every one to consider himself Indian first and Indian last and place nationalism above all other considerations.

Pandit Misra explained the measures taken by the Provincial Government for removing civil disabilities and improve the economic conditions of the masses.

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Today's Engagements

OPENING OF HOME ON A.I.R.: The Radio Newsreel of A.-I. Radio, Bombay, will cover the opening of a home for crippled and disabled children by Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Director of Health Services. At 8-30 a.m. today (Thursday) a recorded commentary on the proceedings of the ceremony will be broadcast on 244 and 41.44 metres.

ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS OF INDIA: Opening of ninth annual conference by Dr. M. D. D. Gilder at J. J. Hospital tomorrow (Friday) at 9 a.m.

BOMBAY KANNADA SANGHA: Harikatha on 25th and 26th instant, by Sri T. Narasimhachar of Bellary in Ramnarain Ruia College Hall, at 5 p.m. each day. "Subhadra Parinaya" on 25th, and "Droupadi Swayamvar" on 26th.

SRI RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ: Sri Ramana Jayanthi, discourse on "Some Outstanding Features of Bhagwan Ramana's Life" by Shri V. Venkataramier at 9 p.m. at Bhuta Nivas, King's Circle, Matunga.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: We have received from the Tata Oil Mills Company Ltd. an illustrated wall-calendar for 1948.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' CONGRESS: The General Secretary of the B.P.S.C. writes:—The inter-school boxing, gymnastics, swimming and the Best-Built School-Boy contest organised by the Bombay Provincial Students' Congress have been postponed due to inevitable circumstances. They will however be held in the last week of January.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL GATHERING: Today (Thursday) at 6-15 p.m. at Mazdaznan, at Alexandra Girls' School, Waudby Road when under the patronage of Mother Gloria an interesting programme of music and entertainment will be presented.

ALL-INDIA OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGICAL CONGRESS: Inauguration by Lady Cowasjee Jehangir in Pandal, J. J. Hospital compound today at 4-30 p.m.

ASIAN ASSURANCE: The Directors of the Asian Assurance Company announce that the Company's main office on the third floor of the Asian Building, Ballard Estate, was comparatively unaffected by the fire on December 15. All essential records having been saved, business is being carried on as usual.

F.S.U. EXHIBITION

The Friends of Soviet Union are organising an exhibition on "Education and Character Training, Science, Art and Literature in the USSR" at R. N. Bhatt School, Parel (near Kamgar Maidan). The exhibition will be opened by Prof. N. R. Phatak on 26th December at 5 p.m. and will continue upto 1st January 1948. The visiting hours are daily from 2 to 8 p.m. and on holidays from 8-30 to 11-30 a.m. and 2 to 8 p.m. There is an entrance fee of one anna.

BEST TRAMS & BUSES CHANGE COLOUR

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Owing to the acute world-wide shortage of suitable red paint, the B.E.S.T. vehicles, both trams and buses, which are now being constructed, and also vehicles which require to be re-painted, will have to undergo a change of colour and the colour which has been decided upon is green and cream. The green vehicles which will, therefore, be seen on the streets from now onwards, will be ordinary service vehicles unless they carry a special notice to the contrary on vehicles themselves, as for example, the station service. The change of colour scheme is intended to be only temporary until such time as supplies of the standard red paint become available again in sufficient quantity.

TANDON FOR BOMBAY

JODHPUR, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U.P. Assembly, arrived here by air this morning to inaugurate the third session of the All-India Kumar Sammelan. He is leaving for Bombay on December 25.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Dec. 25, (Thursday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Geet Manthan 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Mohammad Ismail (Sarangi) 8-45 K. H. Dalal (Sundaram) 9-0 Mohammad Rafi (Thumri) 9-15 Anant Manohar Joshi (Aundh) (Vocal) 11-0 Film Hits 11-30 Azambai (Kolhapur) (Vocal) 12-0 Vanita Mandal (M) 12-45 p.m. News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Panditrao Nagarkar (Vocal) 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch Hour 4-20 Azambai (Vocal) 4-50 Mohammad Rafi (Ghazal Iqbal) 5-0 Mohammad Ismail (Sarangi) 5-15 Children's Half Hour 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Panditrao Nagarkar (Vocal) 6-45 K. H. Dalal (Sundaram) 7-0 Mohammad Rafi (Dadra) 7-15 Mohammad Ismail (Sarangi) 7-30 Pustak Parichaya (G) 7-45 Thumri 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 'Mayfalache Jhad' 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Sports Review (E) 10-0 St. Xavier's Choir and Orch. 10-30 Elizabeth Schumann—Soprano (Traditional) 10-40 Daulat Nanavaty and Hildberg.

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. Bhakti 5-45 p.m. Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-15 Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)—8-0 p.m. K. H. Dalal (Mohinichandra) 8-15 Panditrao Nagarkar (Vocal) 9-0 Azambai (Vocal) 10-0 Anant Manohar Joshi (Vocal).

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

FORECAST TILL THE MORNING OF 26-12-47:—Dry weather.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT 2 DAYS:—Dry weather.

INCOME-TAX CASES COMPOUNDED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Eleven cases for contravening the provisions of the Indian Income Tax Act, which were pending against Sir Chunilal Bhaichant Mehta, ex-Sheriff of Bombay, and ex-President of the Indian Merchants Chamber, were marked compounded by Mr. K. J. Khambatta Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, this morning, at the instance of Mr. Boowariwalla, Counsel for the crown.

Mr. Boowariwala asking the Court for compounding the cases, mentioned that the accused had paid Rs. 15 lakhs to the Central Board of Revenue, and he had been instructed to ask for permission to compound the cases.

The charges against the accused were that he infringed Sec. 52 of the Income Tax Act, and was thus liable for prosecution under Sec. 182 and Sec. 417 of the Indian Penal Code. The learned Magistrate dropped the non-compoundable charges under the first Section and allowed the charges under the second to be compounded.

POLICE RAID CITY CLUB

Nanabhai Jamshedji Lala Secretary of the Friends' Union Club, Grant Road, was arrested by the Prohibition Police today.

The Police stated that the Club was raided and on the place being searched liquor in excess of the permitted quantity was found on the premises.

The accused was granted bail by Presidency Magistrate S. B. Awar at the Mazagaon Court this morning.

ARRESTED FOR UNAUTHORISED COUPONS

Lalji Vijpal, proprietor of a shop at Vithalbhai Patel Road was arrested for being found in possession of 4000 unauthorised bread coupons.

He was enlarged on bail at the Mazagon Court today.

2,500 B.P.T. Workers On One Day Strike

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

2500 workers of the Engineering Section of the Bombay Port Trust struck work this morning.

The genesis of the strike appears to be that the management turned down the demand of the workers for two days' holiday during the festive Christmas. The management, it is learnt, granted but one holiday, and so the workers took another and made it two.

The strike is a one-day affair.

EDUCATION EXPANSION PLAN FOR ADIWASI AREA

The Government of Bombay has appointed a Committee consisting of officials and non-officials to conduct a survey of the Dahanu, Umbergaon and Palghar talukas of Thana District and to prepare a programme of educational expansion in these areas especially for the Adiwasis and other Backward Classes. Mr. D. N. Wardrekar, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Backward Classes, is the Chairman of the Committee. The Committee will tour, Dahanu, Umbergaon and Palghar talukas for ten days from December 25.

R. P. V. DESAI ELECTED FOR PAKWASA'S SEAT

Mr. Randhir Prasann Vadan Desai has been declared elected a member of the Bombay Legislative Council in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Mangaldas M. Pakvasa from the Broach and Panch Mahals-cum-Surat General Rural.

A CORRECTION

In the news item about "Bombay Assembly By-election", appearing in our issue dated Dec. 24 please read "Thursday" in place of "Monday".

BOMBAY IRANIAN FIRM'S GIFT TO REFUGEES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (API.) The Iranian Ambassador in India, Mons. Montaxedy, presented today to the Minister for Health Rajkumari Amrit Kaur gifts of tinned food for the destitute refugees on behalf of the donors an Iranian firm in Bombay.

The articles include 2,500 tins of meat and vegetable ration and 2,500 boxes of American cereals. 250 rugs and ten bags of rice were also to be included among the articles but money has been given instead for their purchase.

The articles will be utilised for the refugees in the Kurukshetra and other camps who are suffering from malnutrition.

The Health Minister thanked the Ambassador for the gift and expressed her great appreciation of this gesture of goodwill by Iranians for the refugees in India.

LITERACY WEEK FOR BOMBAY

The Literacy Week Committee of the Bombay City Adult Education Committee has decided to observe the special Literacy Week in the City from 17th to 23rd January 1948. For this purpose a special Committee consisting of Mrs. Kulsum Sayani as Chairman, Mr. Champaklal G. Modi, Mr. K. T. Mantri, Special Literacy Officer with the Government of Bombay, Mr. Dinkar Desai, Mr. Amritlal D. Sheth, Mr. Prahlad Mehta, Mr. Kapadia, Mr. Dhirubhai Desai and Mr. R. D. Singh with Mr. J. B. Tannu as Secretary has been appointed.

The programme of the Literacy Week will include: Inaugural address by the Governor, meetings to be addressed by prominent citizens of Bombay, special address by Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, President of the Adult Education Committee, Radio talks by Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay and speeches by the Mayor, Sheriff and other prominent leaders of public opinion.

Besides these, mass meetings will be arranged in the City by the Committee to explain the utility of Adult Education, Elocution Competition will be held for students, processions will be taken out from different localities.

The All-India Radio will arrange special talks on the subject of Adult Education.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 24, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st November 1947 and departure from normal, recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 24th Dec. 1947:—

Ahmedabad 83 56 0 2.1 plus 0.9, Ahmednagar 85 60 0 1.5 plus 0.2, Allahabad 78 54 0 0 minus 0.6, Baroda 84 53 0 0 minus 0.8, BOMBAY 84 76 0 0.1 —, Calcutta 74 68 T 1.1 plus 0.1, Delhi 66 47 0 0.3 minus 0.1, Hyderabad (Dn.) 85 56 0 1.1 minus 0.3, Indore 77 47 0 0.4 minus 0.4, Karachi 84 73 0 0 minus 1.5, Lahore nil, Lucknow 80 51 0 0.1 minus 0.4, Madras 85 70 0 3.3 minus 15.4, Nagpur 86 60 0 0.1 minus 1.1, Patna 80 61 0 0 minus 0.5, Poona 87 60 0 0.4 minus 0.8, Sholapur 88 — 0 0.4 minus 1.3, Simla 45 33 0 1.0 minus 0.4, Srinagar 38 31 T 1.7 plus 0.3, Surat 89 59 0 0 minus 0.3.

WEATHER SUMMARY

Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, the 24th Dec., 1947:—

Rainfall has been local along the Orissa coast in Bengal and the hills of the United Provinces. A few falls have also occurred in Assam.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 25TH EVENING: A few showers will occur in Assam, South-East Bengal, the hills of the East United Provinces, Kashmir, and in the extreme south Peninsula. Night temperatures will fall appreciably in Rajputana, the central parts of the country and the Deccan.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Happiness & genius only come to those people who have earned them by ages of stoic patience, and labour, and faith.

—ROLLAND

The Bombay Chronicle

OUR FINANCES

Addressing the South Indian Chamber of Commerce at Madras on Tuesday, Mr. R. K. Shanmugham Chetty, Finance Minister, repeated the assurance he had given in his budget speech that before presenting his annual budget he would carefully examine the taxation structure to see if there was any justification for the present feeling among businessmen that the burden of taxation was hampering private enterprise and initiative. He also repeated the assurance that, whatever might be the ultimate pattern of economy there would be for a considerable time to come, ample scope for private enterprise, adding that the Prime Minister himself had authoritatively emphasised that view in his address to the Associated Chamber of Commerce at Calcutta. All this repetition was perhaps felt necessary by way of Government's reply to the South Indian Chamber's complaint that the business community was heavily taxed, with the result that the incentive to production by private enterprise was weakened. General principles about the need for equitable taxation so as not to prejudice private enterprise have been stated and restated any number of times recently. A step in the right direction will be easier if specific proposals about taxation or nationalisation of industries are proposed and publicly discussed.

From this point of view we welcome the Finance Minister's announcement that the Government of India is considering the question of its directly purchasing or chartering some ships for transport of coal along the coast. This will relieve congestion on railways and will not seriously prejudice private shipping. There is also a welcome tendency for Provincial Governments undertaking motor transport service so as to better coordinate rail and road transport and otherwise to better safeguard the interests of the public. It should not be difficult so to organise the Government scheme as to ensure cooperation of private concerns now engaged in the motor transport service. The far-sighted Finance Minister fears that as a result of such Government schemes the income-tax that would have been paid from the profits of private concerns would be lost to the Government of India, as the present constitution does not empower the Central Government to tax Provincial Governments on the profits the latter make in business enterprises. So he has suggested a change in the constitution by which a Provincial Government taking up trading activity should pay to the Central Government "income-tax and other taxes like any other individual". But there is an important difference between private individuals and Corporations on the one hand and Provincial Governments undertaking trading activities on the other. The former enjoy their profits for themselves while the latter use the profits for the public. Provincial Governments undertake trading activities in order to reduce the tax burdens on the public. Their being called upon to pay taxes to the Central Government to the same extent as "any other individual" is almost like discouraging public trade enterprise. However, the intricate question of Central and Provincial finance and the relations between the two will doubtless be carefully considered by the Constituent Assembly.

We agree with Mr. Shanmugham Chetty that the whole financial prosperity and stability of the Provincial Government, must ultimately depend upon the finance and sources and solvency of the Central Government and that in the matter of borrowing in particular no province can afford to reduce the Central Government's capacity to borrow. But it is equally true that some provinces contribute much to the Central finances including the Central loans. Moreover, as the South Indian Chamber of Commerce has pointed out, Provincial Governments have to make vast amends for the long-neglected nation-building activities. At the same time we have all to recognise that the Central Government has to undertake huge programmes of capital expenditure for development progress. The whole question of Indian public finance needs, in view of suddenly altered circumstances, to be considered thoroughly by experts. Nay, big schemes of production, under private, public or joint control, need to be thrashed out by competent committees; for in the last analysis more production is the only means of ensuring lasting economic well-being. Schemes of taxation and borrowing and the financial relations between the Central and the Provincial Government should be so devised as to facilitate maximum production.

Frankly Speaking

Call Off The Strike

The public of Bombay will deeply regret Mr. Ashok Mehta's persistence in supporting the proposed general strike on December 29 in spite of the assurances given by Mr. Nanda, Labour Minister, to consider sympathetically all the grievances of workers. Mr. Mehta admits Mr. Nanda's "undoubted sincerity", but fears the Minister may be unable to resist "the forces around him" hostile to a liberal labour policy. But how does a general strike strengthen the Minister's hands against these forces? It rather makes him, the hostile forces and the public in general feel that the strike leaders are irreconcilable. Mr. Mehta also admits that the strike will reduce production at a time when increased production is the supreme need of the hour. But he naively assures all concerned that the Socialist Party will see to it that in the next week or two a day's loss is made up by extra and more intensified work. Mr. Nanda pertinently remarks that the assurance betrays a lack of understanding of the industrial processes. It also betrays an understanding the repercussions of the strike in spreading the strike fever. We still hope that the next conference, proposed to be convened soon will lead to an understanding about calling off the proposed strike.

India's Glory

The address that India's Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, gave to an R.I.A.F. audience at New Delhi should be usefully understood and acted upon by the people of India in general. It was an exposition of the great traditions and glorious heritage of India and of what Indians have to do and refrain from doing in order to serve and honour them and thus to prove worthy of the real India. India's pride has been, throughout history, broad-mindedness, the power to assimilate new ideas and men and unfailing toleration, which as the Prime Minister said, was a sign of its cultural maturity. From these qualities have been derived India's greatness and also the ability to survive, as no country could or can, 150 years of foreign domination and rule. Today it is rid of foreign rule and is free. It is this free India with its historical greatness and traditional virtues that its people have inherited. What should be its future and how should the people of India serve it?

The Issue

"I have", said the Prime Minister, "a firm conviction that India can never belong to the middle ranks. It will be either a very great country or a very small one". That is the issue: a very great country or a very small one. In ordinary conditions this issue would not arise even theoretically. But the present "communal bickerings and narrow-mindedness", which, we earnestly hope, Pandit Nehru describes rightly as "a temporary phase", makes it a grave issue. This "phase" may make India sink disastrously into Medievalism and irrevocably reduce it to a "very small country" in every essential respect. The danger is grave because the very future of India is at stake and it has therefore, to be checked immediately and effectively. The Prime Minister sums it all up when he says: "This thing started with the fantastic theory of two nations and it is a pity that now the doctrine has come to be accepted even by those who previously opposed it".

An Urgent Duty

The enemy today is the tendancy to perpetuate the 2-nation fantasy by corroborating instead of eliminating it. The Muslims have to give it up unreservedly in words and in thought. But a very special responsibility rests with the majority too. It must assist the Muslims in ridding themselves of an incubus that has injured them as much as it has injured India, rather than adopt an attitude that is meant actually to prove the theory. The duty of Indian Muslims is immediate and urgent. Gandhiji has very rightly advised them "to rise superior to the poisonous atmosphere in the country and live down the thoughtless prejudice by proving by their exemplary conduct that the only houourable way of living in the Union is that they should be full citizens without any mental reservations". Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's Convention at Lucknow has been called to give a practical lead in that direction. It is the duty of the majority to give, by its conduct and attitude, the fullest chance of success to the effort represented by the Lucknow Convention and to help the Muslim minority to prove itself in terms of Gandhiji's advice. Thereby the majority will also prove itself in terms of Indian Nationalism. This is the call of India's past and of India's future. The issue is between "a very great country and a very small one". And every Indian individual and every Indian Section, majority as well as minority, is, today, confronted by it imperiously and inescapably.

Our Readers' Views

SHOLAPOOR SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD.

To The Shareholders.

The Sholapoor Spg. & Wvg. Co. Ltd., Dear Sirs,

Our attention has been drawn to a circular which has been sent to SOME OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Sholapoor Spg. & Wvg. Co., Ltd. signed by two Gujarati ladies, Prabhavati Dullabhdas and Chandanmani Hukumchand, as Ordinary Shareholders, who, on inspection of the share register by our representative, are found to be not holding any shares.

They have put forward an ingenious scheme for the issue of fresh capital by way of bonus shares and for reconversion of the present Preference shares. In short, the scheme is that 1600 Ordinary shares of Rs. 1000 each and 3200 six per cent Preference shares of Rs. 1000 each be issued. Thus there will be an increase of Rs. 48 lakhs in the capital and this amount will be taken from the Reserves. Besides this it is also suggested that the present Rs. 100 3% Preference shares, which are redeemable in 1948 and on which Rs. 50 still remain to be paid, should be made fully-paid by calling the balance of Rs. 50 and then be converted into 6% Preference fully-paid shares. Such 10 shares are to be combined into one of Rs. 1000. At a glance it will thus be seen that this is an attempt to out-vote the Ordinary shareholders.

At present there are 1600 Ordinary votes and 1600 votes from the Preference shareholders. If the proposed scheme is put through, there would be 3200 votes for the Ordinary shareholders as against 6400 for the Preference shareholders. Thus the Preference shareholders will enjoy double the voting strength of the Ordinary shareholders. It is therefore distinctly against the interests of the Ordinary shareholders to allow this scheme to be put through.

As a matter of fact, the ordinary shareholders have been clamouring to free themselves from the stranglehold which is being exercised over their votes by the present Preference shareholders. The interest of the Preference shareholders in the Company is only temporary, as the shares themselves are redeemable in 1948. So no further issue of Preference shares should be allowed. People of the type who have issued the circular, presumably at the instance of interested parties, should not be paid any heed.

At present an enquiry is being carried on by the Government into the accounts, affairs and conduct of the Company's Management and until the enquiry is completed it is against the interest of the Ordinary shareholders to allow fresh capital to be issued.

We, therefore, repeat the warning that shareholders who have their own interests at heart should not support such a scheme which is distinctly against their interest, and if by oversight they have signed any proxies, they should let us know immediately about it to enable us to do the needful and to give them free legal assistance if necessary.

If there was any genuine scheme for the benefit of the shareholders, the Sholapoor Mills Shareholders, Association would certainly have supported it wholeheartedly.

Yours faithfully,
NAGARDAS MANORDAS,
Jt. Hon. Secretary.
The Sholapoor Spg. & Wvg. Co., Ltd. Shareholders' Association.

Secondary Education In Bombay Province

Sir,—The Government deserve to be congratulated for abolishing the teaching of English in the primary and secondary classes from June next. But they have not made it clear how the students will be benefitted by this change. There can be no two opinions as regards imparting instruction to the children of tender age in their own language rather than in a foreign one. But unless it is accompanied by any advantage resulting in saving of time such change would be regarded as sentimental only. If after spending 12 precious years of his life, a student is ot be fit only for a clerk's job, as under the present system mere introduction of Hindi has no meaning.

What I wish to bring to the notice of the authorities concerned is that in countries like England and U.S.A. students ordinarily matriculates at an average age of 13 or 14 as against 16 or 17 in India, i.e. an Indian student has to waste 3 years more because of his having to take his education in a foreign language. He has to read certain subjects twice out e.g. Indian History, Geography, Arithmetict, etc., once in vernacular and again in English. The curriculam and syllabus of the matriculation examination must be eliminated. Further, it is said that from fourth standard onward in High Schools English will be a compulsory subject. At present the study of one of the classical languages is compulsory. This should be made optional when English is made compulsory otherfise it will simply increase the burden of the students. There is a lot of confusion in the public mind over the education policy of the Bombay Government. We hope the Government will consider all these details and would soon give to the public a full picture of their policy.—Yours, etc.

O. R SHAH

Indian Pilots

Sir,—During question time in the Constituent Assembly on Thursday the 4th December, Mr Rafi Ahmad Kidwai is reported to have told Mr. Sidhwa that "any attempt to stipulate that Indian air companies would not be given licences until they employed all Indian pilots would be highly detrimental to the development of air transport in India and would regard progress at this stage." This observation, I am afraid, is quite unsatisfactory and requires to be examined critically.

Mr. Sidhwa was right in suggesting that the various Indian air concerns should be compelled to engage Indian pilots. The position, as you are aware, at present is that at least 75 per cent of the pilots are non-Indians — either Americans or Europeans — except, perhaps, in the case of the Tata Air Lines. This fact can be checked up and if carefully scrutinised one can notice the scandal of engaging European or American pilots in Indian concerns which should be put down with a strong hand and if necessary by legislation.

Only a few days back there was a Press report that from January 1948 Indian Air concerns should have in its services at least 60 per cent of Indian pilots. Even that 60 per cent is according to me not quite satisfactory but there is nothing like modest beginning in this direction. It is a scandal to engage American or European pilots at a princely salary, and their emoluments in most cases come to more than what an Indian Governor gets. I am sure Mr. Kidwai will put down with heavy hand this mania for engaging European and American pilots.

It may be that in the Kashmir operations out of the 142 pilots engaged by the various companies only 80 were Indians and the rest were of other nationalities including Europeans. But only surplus pilots were sent for these operations. Their exact strength can only be ascertained from the records maintained by the Director General of Civil Aviation and the Air Transport Licence Board which are under the control of Mr. Kidwai.

Finally, the question of expanding facilities for the training of Indian pilots is hanging fire for a long time and it is high time that Government should move in the matter and see that not only all facilities are given to the persons who wish to be trained as pilots but that the course should be cheap and accessible to all and not to a privileged few as is the case at present —Yours,, etc.

INDIAN

Inter-Communal Marriages

Sir,—In your yesterday's paper Mr Nuservanji makes a very nice suggestion—encouragement of inter-communal marriages. It is a commendable idea, indeed, for communal amity.

The present inter-communal marriages are definitely the outcome of mutual attachment between two individuals. But reader Nuservanji sees in inter-communal marriages the means to an end—communal troubles solved. But arranged inter-communal marriages may not be maritally successful, which is the prime factor governing marriages.

What I would suggest for creating spontaneous inter-communal marriages is to have more close association amongst the youngsters of the different communities in educational institutions, social gatherings, public functions and private parties; where every one would rather worship and praise the glory of his religion in his heart than outwardly boast of it and create troubles.—Yours, etc

T. VINAYA KUMAR.

Dec. 4.

NO LINGUISTIC FRAGMENTATION OF INDIA

Dr. S. P. Mookerjee's Warning: Suggests Simultaneous Adoption Of Hindi As Common Spoken Language

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24 (API): Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, said here today that any trend towards linguistic autonomy could not be allowed to lead to the linguistic fragmentation of India. Dr. Mookerjee who was addressing the first All-India University Teachers' Convocation, said that the only balanced solution, under the circumstances, would be to encourage simultaneously the adoption of Hindi as a common spoken language which would be the medium of inter-provincial contacts.

Fortunately, at the present moment, he said, in almost all the provinces of India there had been a movement to give instruction to the students through the medium of their own mother tongue.

"While the provincial languages must be enriched and encouraged by all possible means, we must from now on decide how we would maintain coordination and exchange of ideas in academic spheres on an All-India basis".

Linguistic autonomy should not result in the linguistic fragmentation of the country. Such cultural and academic disruption would also hamper the growth of the political unity of India and may prove disastrous to our national welfare and progress he added.

PLACE OF ENGLISH

At the same time, Dr. Mookerjee continued, the place of English in our system of education must also be carefully decided. The decision must be taken, not from any political standpoint but purely in relation to needs of India's national development and her international contacts". In fact, our universities must provide fuller facilities to our students for learning the great language of the world so that they may readily gather the highest treasures of thought in the domains of letters and science".

Referring to the role of the teachers in the present times, Dr. Mookerjee said: "With the dawn of independence in India our university teachers must come forward and be prepared to think courageously and plan energetically to reconstruct our educational system.

TRIBUTE TO INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

Inspite of all their defects and shortcomings, Dr. Mookerjee said, the Indian universities had served a great and useful purpose. They had brought India into intimate contact with the culture and civilisation of the rest of the world. They had opened up new avenues of thought in literature, history, philosophy, science, and technology. They had quickened our moral sensibilities to a certain extend and had given a healthy stimulus to our ideas of nationalism and liberty.

"None-the-less, deriving as they did their origin from foreign inspiration and ideals Indian universities, inspite of their best efforts, have not been properly related to our national life and needs".

The educational system in India had produced a strong intelligentsia markedly unrelated to the country's economic and political form. India today was entering a period of rapid industrialisation. The educational system, therefore, must adjust itself to answer to the new requirements of the nation. "While it pursues abstract truth for its own sake, no university can stand aloof from the tension and pains of the modern society striving to adjust itself to technical development as well as to new thought-pattern", he said.

MORE FREEDOM-MORE FINANCES

Dr. Mookerjee stressed the need for extending facilities for higher teaching and reseach. This, he said, was an urgent national requirement if India wanted to utilise her resources fully and not depend upon foreign support for every big scheme of national advancement. To perform these high functions adequately, the universities would need two things above all other —freedom and finance.

The Government in this country must set a salutory example and not allow the autonomy of the universities to be curbed in any way, once their constitution was fashioned according to well-recognised principles consistent with the needs of the country.

"If we are to increase the standard of education and research, the universities must have more freedom and more finances on a secure basis". Dr. Mookerjee suggested that with the national income of the order of 3,000 crores India must spend Rs. 20 to 30 crores on research alone.

ON STUDENT UNREST

On the problem of unrest among students, he said: "On many occasions, the students have acted as the spearheads of attack against foreign administration and many of them have patiently and cheerfully laid down their lives on the gallows. Such a community has undoubtedly the right to express their views on important national questions. Students sufficiently grown up, students who have become adults and students who have obtained a sufficient amount of higher education, should be permitted to deliver their considered opinion on important political, social, economic and educational problems confronting the country, without becoming partisans in active politics".

GHATKOPAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

(From Our Suburban Correspondent).

GHATKOPAR, Dec. 24.

In the general elections of the Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality, which were held on December 21 last, six sitting members, who contested, were returned. Their names are Mrs. Hiraben narkisandas Parekh, Dr. Prabhulal Dhirajlal Daftary, and Messrs. Ranchhoodas Karsandas Rangwala, Narayandas Gordhandas Lakhpatwala, Ramchandra G. Jadhav and Purshottamdas Uttamram.

In all there were 20 candidates for 12 seats. The other six candidates who got in this time are Messrs. Sadashiv Narayan Gajre, Laxmidas Hirji, Amritlal Keshavji Mehta, Laxmidas Vallabhdas Hirji Keshavji and Harilal K. Daftary.

This year the elections were not fought on Congress ticket. The counting of votes concluded late last night.

The results are as follows:—

"A' Ward—For the reserved woman seat, Mrs. Hiraben Parekh polled 305 votes as against her rival, Mrs. Sundarabai B. Karnik, who polled 263 only. Mr. R. K. Rangwala and Mr. S. N. Gajre secured 383 and 279 votes respectively. Both were elected.

"B" Ward—Dr. P. D. Daftary 732, Mr. N. G. Lakpatwala 683, Mr. Laxmidas Hirji 678 were elected defeating Mr. Narayan Kashinath, who polled 468 votes.

"C' Ward—Mr. A. K. Mehta 1,147, Mr. Purshottamdas Uttamram 1,102, Mr. Laxmidas Vallabhdas 1,099 and Mr R. G. Jadhav (reserved for Harijan) 1,040 were elected defeating Mr. Bhalchandra B. Karnik 418, Mr. D B. Barve 280 and Mr. Lakhabhai Govindji 416.

"D" Ward—Mr. Hirji Keshavji 321 and Mr. H. K. Daftary 288 were elected having defeated Mr. B. K. Asar 196, Mr. Shankarao. Jethabhai 172 and Mr. D. S. Tilak 56.

The Municipal president, Mr. Jasvantrai G. Mehta, did not contest along with five other sitting members. Thus there is half new blood in the new Board.

BAN ON PRIVATE ARMIES IN BURMA

RANGOON, Dec. 24. (Reuter): Private military exercises were today declared illegal by the Burma Government in its drive to ban the "private armies" maintained by political parties, after January 4, Burma's day of independence.

City's Water Supply

Mr. B. K. Patel Municipal Commissioner, for the City of Bombay, writes:—

The position of the Bombay's water supply is now better than what it was exactly a year ago so far as total average contents of the three lakes (Tansa, Vehar and Tulsi) are concerned. However, viewed in the light of comparative statistics, the position is not very reassuring, particularly in resard to the levels of the Vehar lake. The topmost level of this lake reached this year (viz. 254.17 T.H.D.) was 2.84 ft. below the corresponding level of 1946 and about 10 ft. below the full supply level.

Steps are being taken to push on with the work of making a low level opening in the Tansa Dam with a view to utilising the lower contents of the lake water and if this work is completed according to expectations, it would be possible to give an additional supply of 4 million gallons per day from the next fair season until the arrival of the Monsoon.

Considering all factors, therefore, it has been decided to allot, for the present, a daily supply of 112 million gallons spread over a period of 9 hours, viz. 2-30 to 8-30 a.m. (B. T.) and 4 to 7 p.m. (B. T.). The position would be reviewed, if necessary, in the hot season.

RAMANA JAYANTI AT MATUNGA

The Ramana Satchidananda Samaj, Matunga, is celebrating the 'Jayanti' of Ramana Maharishi of Tiruvannamalai for a week from tomorrow. Incidentally this year falls the silver jubilee of the Samaj which has been advocating the gospel of Ramana and his cult of brotherhood for the liberation of the world for the last 25 years in Bombay. To commemorate this unique achievement, the Samaj authorities have brought out a brochure containing messages on Ramana cult from distinguished saints and savants like Swami Sivananda, Suddhananda Bharati, Narasimhaswami, V. Venkatarama Iyer and others. The messages throw light on the philosophy of Ramana from different angles.

MIDNIGHT MASS ON COOPERAGE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Before a vast congregation estimated at over 20,000, His Lordship Dr. V. Gracias, Bishop Auxiliary of Bombay, celebrated the Pontifical High Mass at the Christmas-Eve Midnight service on the Cooperage Football grounds.

The service was very impressive. A large artistically designed Altar was erected on the grounds. The music was ably rendered by the Pro-Cathedral Choir. A strong body of 200 ushers was in attendance to conduct the huge gathering.

'ART-IN-INDUSTRY' WINDOW DISPLAYS

With a view to bring to the notice of the public—the technique of display as a branch of commercial art, the Indian Institute of Art-in-Industry has embarked on a commendable venture. A Show-Window in the Taj Mahal Hotel has been taken by the Institute, where it is planned to hold successive displays to illustrate the part played by the Artist in executing a display with the full co-operation of the industrialist.

The current display which is on 'Picture-Framing' has been designed by the well-known Goan Artist, Francis Newton.

Mr. B. G. KHER

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay, will leave for Jhansi 'via' Gwalior by air on Saturday, December 27, to preside over the Brahan-Maharashtra Parishad and will return to Bombay on Sunday, December 28.

Mr. MORARJI DESAI

Mr. Morarji Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue, Bombay, will leave for Nadiad on Saturday, December 27 and return to Bombay on Monday, December 29.

Mr. L. M. PATIL

Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, will leave on a tour of the Ratnagiri District by steamer on Thursday, January 1, and will return to Bombay on Monday, January 5.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay inaugurated the 24th All-India Medical Conference, in the J. J. Hospital Compound, where he was received by Dr. R. N. Cooper, Chairman of the Reception Committee.

His Excellency and Lady Colville entertained a party of naval ratings from H.M.S. "Norfolk", at Government House.

Sir David Moncreiffe has arrived.

The following came to dinner: Sir Ivon Taunton, Capt. G. French, R.N., Commander G. I. Palmer, R.N., Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. S. Waters, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. A. T. St. J. Shuttleworth, Miss Mannigham-Buller, and Mr. D. G. Moore.

In the evening a Carol Party from H.M.S. "Norfolk" sang carols at Government House.

His Excellency received Brigadier D. S. E. McNeill and Brigadier H. W. Dinwiddie.

REQUISITION OF VACANT PREMISES

The areas within the municipal limits of Bandra, Juhu, Parle-Andheri, Kurla and Ghatkopar-Kirol and the village Panchayat limits of Chembur have been specified, by the Collector of Bombay and Suburban District, to be areas under sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the Bombay Land Requisition Ordinance, 1947, The District Deputy Collector, Bombay Suburban District (Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay) has been authorised to receive intimation of premises which are vacant or become vacant; in these areas.

The Government of Bombay has referred the dispute between the Sunrich Mills, Bombay, and its employees to the arbitration of the Industrial Court.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

BENARES, Dec. 23 (API): India's High Commissioner in Pakistan, Mr. Sri Prakash who is here on a short visit, told pressmen that he had lodged a protest with the Government of Pakistan against the ban imposed by the Sind Government on the evacuation into India of Harijans, sweepers and washermen whose homes are mostly in India. But so far, he said he had no reply.

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Communalism, says the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, "started with the fantastic theory of Two-Nations, and it is a pity that now the doctrine has come to be accepted even by those who previously opposed it".

But how else can they hope to prosper or even to exist?

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Reports that the Indo-Pakistan financial agreement may be affected by the Kashmir deadlock has caused indignation in Pakistan political circles who say that "if the Government of India go back on their plighted word they would be guilty of a gross breach of faith before the bar of world opinion".

In the manner of the gross breach of faith re the original jute agreement? No?

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DIFFERENCE ONLY IN METHODS

"J. P." ON RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS

Follow Gandhiji's Advice.

—Headlines.

In respect of token strikes too?

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With the Prime Minister Dr. Beel already there, there has also arrived in Batavia, Dr. Jonkman, Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, who said he had come "to adjust the Netherlands policy of Indonesia and bring it into line with developments here".

As started by the Police Action.

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The French Government has given M. Bollaert, its High Commissioner, a free hand to continue all necessary action or negotiations to restore peace and liberty in Indo-China.

"Liberty" to whom is not explained. Nor need it be.

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JERUSALEM, December 23: In Jerusalem's old city, Jews, Arabs and Police joined in a "free for all" gun-battle.—Reuter.

A case of serious terminological inexactitude. It wasn't "free for all". The U.S. and the USSR, for instance, were not represented.

Not yet.

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LONDON: British attempts to assist Greece and Bulgaria in re-establishing diplomatic relations have failed. The attempts were made by British Minister to Sofia, J. C. Sterndale-Bennett.

—U.P.A.

Even so, Mr. Sterndale-Bennett should be awarded the biscuit for optimism.

BOMBAY'S LEAD TO PHYSIO-THERAPY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Inaugurating the new premises of the Physio-therapy and Rehabilitation Centre for infantile paralysis in Bombay this evening, Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Director-General of Health Services, Government of India said that it was gratifying to note that the city of Bombay had taken the lead in this important field of medical science.

The Centre, said to be the first of its kind in Bombay, has been organised mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Fatima Ismail. Messages were received on the occasion from Lady Mountbatten, Lady Colville, who donated Rs. 500, and from the Maharaja of Gwalior.

Dr. Mehta said that in Ayurveda, the importance of Physio-therapy has been fully recognised and massage with or without medicated oil had found a line of treatment widely practised throughout the country.

He proceeded that India could hardly afford to lag behind in this field and he hoped that the new Centre, which has been brought into existence through the initiative of the men and women of this city, would help to stimulate the establishment of similar institutions in other parts of India.

While he could not give any positive assurance of financial assistance to the institution, Dr. Mehta appealed to the industrialists and employers to establish welfare centres with physiotherapic sections for the benefit of their workers.

Dr. George Coelho, Chairman of the Society, welcomed Dr. Mehta.

Mrs. Fatima Ismail proposed a vote of thanks.

Plea For Only Ready Sales Of Sugar

Mr. Indrajit Parekh, Hon. Secretary, Sugar Shippers' and Buyers' Association, Bombay, writes:—

"While welcoming the announcement by Sir Joseph Kay at the general meeting of the Belapur Co., Ltd., of the decision for selling Belapur sugar on the Bombay market at annas eight per lb. I urge upon other Deccan, U. P., and Bihar mills and also Bombay merchants to follow suit. An offer advertised in the local press by a wholesaler to sell sugar on the basis on As. 8 per lb. for monthly delivery spreading over ten months ahead may look attractive and innocent. Yet I fear such long forward sales would encourage speculation and may ultimately lead to higher prices, defeating the laudable object in view. I, therefore, request my wholesale merchant friends to restrict their activities to ready sales only until present transitional period is over. In order to make the decontrol of sugar a complete success, co-operation between mill-owners, merchants and consumers is necessary, but no useful purpose can be served either by mere newspaper propaganda or by mill-owners imputing motives to merchants and merchants criticising mill-owners in the press or vice-versa".

MEDICOS IN CONFERENCE

Sir John Colville, last British Governor of Bombay, inaugurating the 24 th All-India Medical Conference at the J. J. Hospital on Wednesday.
(For Report See Page 6)

MORE RAIDERS KILLED IN KASHMIR

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24, (A. P. I.): Adverse weather conditions restricted our activity during the past 24 hours in the Jhangar-Naushera area where Indian army troops are readjusting and consolidating their positions, says a Defence Ministry communique on Kashmir tonight. Minor clashes took place between our patrols and groups of raiders in this area. Seven raiders were killed.

Indian army troops attacked a party of raiders carrying away loot on camels and horses some distance south of Akhnoor and killed eight of them. Some abducted women were recovered. Raiders fleeing from villages between Naushera and Akhnoor have burnt several villages. Our troops have foiled an attempt made by raiders to infiltrate into our positions in the area south of Uri.

Pakistan Troops Fire On Indian Villagers

JULLUNDUR, Dec. 23. (A. P. I.): About 30 to 35 Muslims including armed Pakistan troops fired on graziers of village Muthianwala-Toha on December 16 and took away 120 cattles, says a communique issued by the East Punjab Government. Some Muslims from Pakistan took away 30 cattle from village Mastike Litha police stations Sadar Ferozepore on December 20.

RALLY OF FRENCH YOUTH

De Gaulle's Venture To Form New Movement

PARIS, Dec. 24. (Reuter): General Charles de Gaulle's rally of the French people which swept up to forty per cent of the polls in the last French Municipal elections, is planning to form a youth movement attached to be called "the Rally of French Youth", it was announced here today.

The De Gaulleist youth movement will be open to Frenchmen between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one.

General de Gaulle is also considering the formation of a special Civil Servants Organisation within the "Rally".

SPECIAL CREDITS FOR ARMY VOTED

The French National Assembly today passed special credits for army expenditure in 1947 totalling 8,897,031,000 Francs (about £17,800,000).

COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS BANNED IN FRENCH ARMY BARRACKS

PARIS, Dec. 24. (U.P.A.): Four Communist newspapers have been banned in French army barracks, the Minister of the Armed Forces announced today.

The announcement said the ban included Paris morning newspaper "L'Humanite" and afternoon paper "Ce Soir" and weekly newspapers "France d'Abord" and "LAvant Grade".

PRAJAMANDAL TAKES OVER MULI ADMINISTRATION

(From Our Correspondent)
RAJKOT, Dec. 21.

The Muli Praja Mandal's ultimatum to the Thakore Saheb of Muli State for the grant of a responsible Government having failed to draw any response from the ruler, volunteers of the Praja Mandal, led by Mr. Shivanandji marched recently to the State Offices, and took possession of the offices and issued a proclamation that the Praja Mandal had taken over the administration of the State. The same evening, Mr. N. M. Buch, Regional Commissioner, W. India and Gujarat States, asked the Praja Mandal's leaders to go over to Rajkot as the Thakore Saheb was anxious to abide by the decision of the Ministry of State to bring the situation to a peaceful end.

Mr. V. P. Menon, Secretary of the Ministry of States, it is understood, is exploring all avenues to bring about an early settlement.

Pannikar & Chimanlal For Diplomatic Posts

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Dec. 24.

Sardar K. M. Panikar who is at present Dewan of Bikaner is being mentioned here as India's Ambassador to China in the place of Mr. K. P. S. Menon, who is returning to India to become Foreign Secretary.

Dewan Chamanlal is being tipped as India's Ambassador to Turkey.

Responsible Govt. For Indore

(From Our Correspondent)
INDORE, Dec. 24.

The Indore Legislative Council yesterday unanimously adopted the Praja Mandal Party's resolution appointing a Committee of 21 to frame, within four months, a constitution embodying full Responsible Government for Indore State.

The Committee includes twelve non-Praja Mandal men, though no representative of Hindu Mahasabha or Muslim League has been taken in.

ALL HELP FOR CARGO TRANSPORT

Bhabha Assures Govt. Support To Indian Shipping

BOMBAY, Dec. 24, (A. P. I.): India's Commerce Minister, Mr. C. H. Bhabha, who returned to Bombay on Sunday after attending the International Trade Conference at Havana, said in an interview here that the Government of India would give every help to Indian shipping in carrying cargo from India on Government account and also in bringing merchandise and other cargo on their way back.

Mr. Bhabha, who was explaining the Government of India's plans to expand the Indian shipping industry, added that if Indian ships touched any of the ports from where foodgrains were being imported into India, Indian bottoms would be employed for the purpose as far as possible.

POPE DENOUNCES ATHEISM AND VIOLENCE

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finite recovery, farther from a new order based firmly on agreement and justice, than ever they were before.

The evil of our generation and the source of its destruction and decadence is the tendency, every day more obvious, to insincerity, a lack of honesty, and this not only as an occasional expedient, a contrivance to avert embarrassment in moments of unexpected difficulties. Today it amounts practically to a strategy in which lies, the garbled word or fact, are used as weapons of defence, which some people manipulate with the skill of professionals.

SUBTLE PANNLERS

"When Herod was plotting to slay the Babe of Bethlehem, he hid his plan under a pious mask and tried to run the honest wise men into unwitting spies.

"Likewise today his modern imitators move heaven and earth to conceal their real purpose from the masses and make them unconscious instruments of their designs. But once they have won power they gradually drop the veil and pass by successive stages from oppression of the dignity and liberty of men to abolition of all authentic and independent religious life.

"To be with Christ or against Christ, that is the whole question. There can be but one way out of the fate the current of insincerity has brought the world—the return to the theory and practice of straight-forward honesty.

PILGRIMAGE TO BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24 (Reuter): As British troops and Palestine police guarded the pilgrimage to the scene of the Nativity today, the Christian Arab Mayor of Bethlehem, Mr. Issa Bendak, a descendant of the crusaders, sent a Christmas Eve message to "believers throughout the world".

"Fear and anxiety shall prevail among peace-loving peoples until the principles of humanity and the spirit of Christ rule the hearts of leaders and men in power", he said. "This Holy Land, which is stricken with the greatest injustice history has ever recorded, shall, however, give the world a new lesson of how faith in the justice of its case will defeat tyranny".

Mounted Palestine Police today escorted the traditional procession of the Latin Patriarchate from Jerusalem's old city to the birthplace of Christ.

Rains was falling from sullen skies over Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

About 4,000 British Garrison Troops made their last Christmas pilgrimage before Britain's withdrawal from Palestine.

They carried arms and were escorted by armoured vehicles as they made their way through the olive groves on the winding road into Bethlehem.

Discrimination In S. Africa Will Be Abolished

A. I. Meer's Conviction

LONDON, December 23. (Reuter): The unity of ll non-Europeans in South Africa "which has been gradually building up since Indian passive resistance started as a protest against the Asiatic Land Tenure Bill will be one of the chief factors in the eventual liberation of the oppressed coloured peoples of South Africa" Mr. A. I. Meer, General Secretary of the Natal Indian Congress told Reuter in an interview today.

Mr. Meer listed three factors in support of this view: First, the growing unity of all non-Europeans in South Africa; secondly, the "emergence of liberal-minded Europeans in South Africa who now openly state their support of the cause of coloured people", and thirdly "the interest of people engaged in similar struggles all over the world"

S. AFRICAN COMMUNISTS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

JOHANNESBURG, December 23 (Reuter): Ten South African Communists were today committed for trial on a charge of sedition after a preparatory examination in the Magistrate's Court here.

During the hearing, Mr. S. Khan, for the defence said that proceedings had been withdrawn at three other preparatory examinations of charges against seven of the men, all members of the Communist executive.

DR. ZIAUDDIN AHMED DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 24 (UPA): Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh University, died here yesterday at 6-40 p.m. The King's physician and Indian doctors Handoo and Dean attended on him.

Indian Deputy High Commissioner R. S. Mani, who was at his bedside, told the United Press of America it was a "sad loss for India".

Great Educationist

Dr. Sir Ziauddin Ahmed whose death occurred in London on Tuesday was a leading educationist and intellectual. Born in 1878, his educational career took him to many universities including Aligarh, Cambridge, Paris, Bologne, Al-Azhar (Cairo), Gottingen and Allahabad.

A noted mathematician he rose rapidly in the academic field, becoming the Vice-Chancellor of the Central Muslim University of Aligarh in 1935. He left that post after a three years' spell and returned to it again in 1941 and continued to hold that office till his death.

An ardent Muslim Leaguer and follower of Mr. Jinnah, Dr. Ziauddin was a member of the Central Legislative Assembly which became defunct after August 15.

It will be remembered that he was in Bombay only two years ago on a campaign to collect funds for the expansion of the Aligarh University, which he served with great devotion.

It was only a few days ago that he went to London for medical treatment.

Christmas Windfall For Film Fans

STRASBOURG VIA PARIS, Dec. 24. (U. P. A.): Film fans will see movies at bargain rates during Christmas holidays, thanks to the tax dispute.

Owners closed their theatres yesterday to protest against the city tax taking as much as 26 per cent of box office receipts and then announced they would re-open on Christmas Day with a price of 10 francs—less than a dime—to all comers.

Under the terms of the law, such low price tickets would be tax-free. Normal entry prices are from 50 to 100 francs.

MOUNTBATTENS TO VISIT GWALIOR

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (API): Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess Mountbatten of Burma have accepted the invitation of His Highness the Maharaja of Gwalior to visit Gwalior, says a Press Note. They will leave New Delhi on Dec. 27, returning on Dec. 30.

Token Strike Violates 'Cease-Fire' Pact

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only biassed in favour of the workers. Most of the awards were not below the level of the Pay Commission recommendations and the courts were "giving a good deal to the workers".

UNANIMOUS DECISION

"Nothing is being done to favour one party at the expense of another," Mr. Nanda averred, and said that even between Union and Union the Bombay Government was holding the scales even. When one newspaperman asked if it was not true that meetings organised by one party had been allowed while those by another had been prevented, Mr. Nanda declared that "only the exigencies of law and order decided these things. Take it from me, it is perfectly untrue."

The proposed strike, he said, should be considered in relation to the truce pact concluded in Delhi, where the Industries Conference had arrived at certain unanimous conclusions for raising industrial production, elevating the standard of life of the people and making the country secure in other respects. The implications of that whole-hearted understanding—the Minister stressed the fact that there was not a single dissentient voice to it—meant that there was to be a "cease fire" with no more maneuvring for positions by employers and employees. Strikes and lock-outs were t obe averted "even if there is good provocation for them."

He stressed the fact that the Delhi resolution had conceded to workers hitherto unconceded gains which were "substantial". It was not an offer by Government alone but an acceptance of it by top-ranking industrialists. It meant there would be real "collaboration" in future.

DELHI PACT COVERED SITUATION

In Bombay, representatives of all parties had assured the Provincial Government that "from now on there will be peace". Mr. Nanda said: "After this we hope there will be no reason for any strike move. Whatever is to be secured by demonstration has been covered by the truce. Even if the Bombay Government had been remiss, unresponsive or wanting in several respects, that resolution has met all the requirements of the situation".

On their first contact with the labour dispute machinery, the Bombay Government found that it was clogged up with the accumulated work of years, even with the comparatively simple question of registration of trade unions. Work had been held up for five years. On April 1 1946 the Industrial Court had only one part-time president, assisted by two district judges. Slowly the staff was increased, the Labour Office was overhauled and four Labour Courts were set up to supplement the Industrial Court. They had been eliminating delay and spring cleaning the system and had achieved the standardisation of wages, a bottleneck since 1928. His acquaintance with the constitution and procedure of adjudication showed that, in addition to what was already being done, it was not capable of a radical change that might bring about instantaneous results.

All these facts, the Labour Minister held, belied the contention of the inspirers of the token strike that their quarrel was with the adjudication machinery.

WHITE-COLLARED GOONDAS

The Press Conference swayed and zigzagged from issue to issue as Mr. Nanda tried to cope with the deluge of questions flung at him from Communist and Socialist "pockets" in the Secretariat Committee Room. Grappling with a hundred sallies beginning with the taunting prefix "Is it a fact that.....", the Labour Minister cleverly let out many telling boomerangs.

A number of newspapermen tried to split hairs with Mr. Nanda over the definition of the term "goonda" in the so-called "Goonda Act" to which they got the answer:

"GOONDAS ARE NOT NECESSARILY STREET LOAFERS. THERE ARE 'WHITE-COLLARED' GENTLEMEN WHOSE HANDS ARE NOT SO WHITE AS THEIR COLLARS"

No Ban Can Be So Impartial!

"There will be no gagging of Taj Mahal Hotel meetings nor will the Bombay Government ban their own Cabinet meetings", Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, good-humouredly told today's Secretariat press conference.

He was asked whether Government would "carry the logic of their ban 'mania' to its inevitable end by banning even Taj and Greens gatherings".

When the questioner persisted, Mr. Nanda told him: "At this rate even this press conference should have been banned".

STRIKE NOT TO BE CALLED OFF

Achut Patwardhan Explains Socialists' Stand On Labour Matters

AHMEDABAD, Dec 24. (A. P. I.): "The strike called in Bombay on December 29 is organised as a protest against the abuses of the Arbitration Machinery and will not be called off unless these abuses are removed," declared Mr. Achyut Patwardhan, Joint General Secretary of the Socialist Party at a press conference here today.

He said: "The call for Industrial Truce made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru cannot be answered by workers alone so long as there are assaults on their primary rights The capitalists like the Indian Princes are trying to blackmail the Congress. The Socialists who have paternal love for the Congress are warning Congressmen against their attitude or complacency that all is well because the Congress is in office. The socialists are competing with Communists in the service of the working classes who have been disillusioned by the Communist leadership, and we do not want to lose their confidence which we have gained.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE.

We have left the All-India Trade Union Congress, but cannot join the Indian National Trade Union Congress till that body avows to destroy Capitalism and establish Socialism. The Socialist Party wants a change from Private Ownership to Public Ownership, but the process will have to be spread to obviate the danger of a lag in production. We have no desire to cut our face to spite the Capitalists and impose fresh hardships on the people. We have also protested against the policy of haphazard decontrol which will increase profiteering and put a greater strain on the consumer, resulting in a series of strikes and loss of production".

Referring to the scheme of Profit-sharing Mr. Achyut Patwardhan said: "I should rather like to impose a ceiling on profits, if the Capitalists resist it they will not escape Capital levy".

POLICE OPEN FIRE IN KURLA

BOMBAY, Dec. 24 (API): The police fired three rounds to restore order when members of a procession started rowdyism in Kurla on Wednesday afternoon, says a Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity, Bombay Government, tonight. One person was injured in the firing.

RESTRAINT ORDER ON TWO GUJARATI DAILIES

The Government of Bombay has issued orders, under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, restraining the editors, printers and publishers of "Rozgar" and "Inquilab", two Gujarati daily newspapers of Ahmedabad, from printing and publishing, for a period of two months and one month respectively, any matter bearing directly or indirectly on the communal situation or question or questions concerning relations between India and Pakistan or between any Indian State and India or Pakistan or between Indian States.

ARMS FIND IN MEERUT

MEERUT, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The police raided today village Satla in Mirna Police Circle and recovered some arms and ammunition. Three persons of the village have been taken into custody.

The Meerut City police recovered some pistols and cartridges and a quantity of gunpowder from a house. Four persons were arrested in this connection.

90 ARRESTED IN HOWRAH

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): About 90 arrests have been made by the Howrah police in connection with the incidents yesterday in which half a dozen officers of two jute mills sustained slight injuries and some mill property was damaged by workers. The arrests include 21 made yesterday.

Three Arabs Killed In Clash With Jews

JERUSALEM, Dec. 24. (U.P.A.): Official reports today showed three Arabs had been killed in Negev districts in a clash with Jewish settlers. Details were not available.

A Palestine Government spokesman stated that Palestine's Attorney-General is now in Lake Success to help in the "creation of an international city of Jerusalem".

BOMB HURLED AT BUS

A bomb was hurled at a bus carrying Jewish prisoners from Jaffa toward Tel Aviv and serveral prisoners were wounded.

There was sporadic fire in Jaffa-Tel Aviv border in which one Jew was seriously wounded. A Jewish woman was shot and wounded at Haifa by a bullet from an Arab quarter.

Both Irgun and Arab youth organisations tonight accused the British of being unable to "maintain a balance of neutrality" in the Arab-Jewish fight. The Arabs claimed the British supply the Jews with arms and Jews said the British let the Arabs steal them.

Jinnah To Visit E. Bengal

DACCA, Dec. 22. (API). It is learnt from reliable sources here that Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah if health permits, may visit East Bengal towards the end of January or by the first week of February next.

The plan, it is further learnt, is to establish closer ties between East and West Pakistan.

LONDON PARTY

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter): The birthday of the Governor-General of Pakistan, Mr. Jinnah, will be celebrated here on Christmas Day by the High Commissioner for Pakistan and Begum Rahimtoola with an All-Muslim Party at their new home flin St. John's Wood. The High Commissioner for Pakistan will speak over the telephone to Mr. Jinnah in Karachi to wish him every happiness.

Congressman Beats Independent

LUCKNOW, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): Dr. Ramdhar Misra (Congress) was declared elected to the U.P. Legislative Assembly from the University Constituency in the by-election, defeating his rival Dr. Ramprasad Tripathi (Independent).

The by-election was caused by the appointment of Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai in the Central Government, which necessitated his resignation from the Provincial Assembly.

Wallace To Broadcast On Monday

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, (Reuter): Mr. Henry Wallace, former United States Vice-President, will tell the United States in a nation wide broadcast on Monday night just where he stands on the issue of leading a third party for the Presidency in 1948, the Mutual Broadcasting System announced today.

KHAYAM & THE HOURIES

One of the Persian paintings from the collection of Mr. Nadjarian, now on view at the Bombay Art Society's Salon.

FIRST PAKISTAN VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN ARAB FORCES

LONDON, December 23. (Reuter): Mr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi, Secretary of the Muslim League in Britain, and Mr. Mohammed Sayid Abbas, member of the League—the first Pakistan volunteers to join the Arab forces' struggle against the partition of Palestine—are leaving London for Cairo by air tomorrow.

Stating that he expects to have an interview with the Mufti of Jerusalem and Muslim League leaders in Cairo to discuss plans for setting up headquarters in London to recruit volunteers for an international brigade, Mr. Qureshi said: "We want to show to Americans and the U. N. O. that it is a great folly to underestimate the Arab movement. The Arabs are not alone as all Muslims in the world will back them morally and materially.

"Besides, the entire Asiatic people are indignant at the way the American Government has put diplomatic and economic pressure upon the smaller nations to get support for the Jews.

"We regret that the American people who were always regarded by Asiatic peoples as democratic and freedom-loving people, have been betrayed by their own leaders, who seem to be in the pocket of the Jews.

"The partition of Palestine can only be on paper, and it will never be put into practice unless all Muslims in the world are destroyed".

MYSORE LESSON FOR NIZAM

BANGALORE, Dec. 24 (API): The President of the Mysore State Congress, Mr. T. Siddhalingiah, in a statement appeals to the ruler of Hyderabad to follow the lead given by the Maharaja of Mysore and earn lasting gratitude of the people by immediately granting Responsible Government.

Mr. Siddhalingiah appeals to everyone in Mysore to support the freedom struggle in Hyderabad and congratulates the people on the struggle they carried on during the last five months in which nearly ten thousand Satyagrahis cheerfully marched into prison. He adds: "It is no use ignoring the lessons of current history, when rulers elsewhere are inviting the liquidation of their States to fall in line with the general progress of the country, Hyderabad by no stretch of imagination can continue undisturbed".

Santiniketan Celebrates Viswabharati Anniversary

SANTINIKETAN, Dec. 24 (API): The twenty-sixth anniversary of Viswabharati (Dr. Tagore's International University) was held here this morning with the Governor of U.P., Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, in the chair. Later, the governing body of Viswabharati elected Mrs. Naidu as President of the Institution for 3 years. The Annual convocation of Viswabharati was also held today, Dr. J. H. Holmes, Tagore visiting Professor for Watmull Foundation, delivering the Convocation address.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor of West Bengal who was present on the occasion, addressing the students of the university after convocation reminded them of the fine tradition they had inherited. He asked them to spread the message of their great institution—which was the temple of peace—throughout the land.

TEHERAN, Dec. 24 (UPA): It was reported today that the Shah received the Soviet Ambassador, Ivan Sadshikov, in hour-long audience last night. There was no indication of what was talked but the main question between Iran and Russia is the matter of oil concession which the Parliament refused to grant several months ago.

Rajendra Babu To Visit Burma

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (UPI): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian National Congress and President of the Constituent Assembly of India, is expected to leave for Burma on January 3 next to attend the Independence Day celebrations there.

Mahatma's Visitors

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (UPI): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru called on Gandhiji this morning.

Lady Mountbatten met Mahatma Gandhi this afternoon and was closeted with him for half an hour.

Among those who met Gandhiji during the day included Mr. Krishna Menon, India's High Commissioner in London Dr. Tarachand, India's Ambassador-designate teo Kabul, Mr. V. P Menon Secretary to the States Ministry of the Government of India, Acharya Kripalani, Mr. Krishna Kripalani, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Maj.-Gen. Shahnawaz, Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru and Mr. Aurobindo Bose, nephew of Netaji Subhas Rose.

DR. SUSHILA NAYAR FOR AMERICA

Dr. Sushila Nayar is likely to leave for America by about the middle of January next for further medical studies.

NEHRU CHANGES PROGRAMME

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, has changed his programme and is not going to Burma to attend the Independence Day celebrations there.

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FOR SERVICE OF MEALS to more than twenty-four persons, NANABHAI ISAJI PATEL and ABDUL HUSSEIN IMAM were convicted and sentenced—the former to one month's simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 2,000 or six months' simple imprisonment and the latter to pay a fine of Rs. 300 or, six months' simple imprisonment, in default.

For importing rice without a permit RAYANNA POJANNA was convicted and sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment; RAMCHANDRA NAMDEV, JARPU SALAMAT, RAJASI IZAVARI, RAJU RAMAYER, R. MUGAN MURGES and RAJU SHIWAPPA to two months' rigorous imprisonment each.

RAMASWAMI KANTASWAMI, RAMAYAM VERRANA, GEBU VISHRAM KAMBLE, SABAYYA MUTAYYA, AGASHI CHAMU, POSHA BALA SADAVARTI, PONORE MATADU SHENDE, HIRU MAHADU ABHANGE, NANADEO BALA TUPSUNDER, PANDURANG CHINDAJI, KUNDIASWAMI PUNUMBDAM AND GOVIND MAHABU were convicted and sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment each, for the same offence and Durga Punaswami to seven weeks' rigorous imprisonment; VENKATACHALAPAB RANADER, VENKATRAO KOOPAYAR, TUKARAM KUSHABA KAMBLI, RAMIBAN RAMSHARA, ANANT NARNUP to six weeks' rigorous imprisonment each; BABU YATRAJU MADRASI, VARDAPA RAMSWAMI to five weeks' rigorous imprisonment each and MATHUSWAMI SAMPAYA to four weeks' rigorous imprisonment, respectively.

"DOCTORS MUST BE GUIDES TO HAPPIER LIFE"

Colville Inaugurates All India Medical Conference

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

You must all be aware of the saying, "nobles oblige" and I need hardly remind so distinguished a gathering that "nobility has its obligations." Members of your noble profession have their obligations to the public," observed H.E. Sir John Colville, in the course of his inaugural speech at the 24th All India Medical Conference in the J. J. Hospital grounds this morning.

The inaugural function was held in a specially constructed pandal and was attended by about 740 delegates and an almost equal number of visitors and guests including about half a dozen members of the medical fraternity from Pakistan.

Dr. R. N. Cooper, Chairman of the Reception Committee extended a warm welcome to all the delegates and visitors and expressed a hope that the deliberations of the conference would prove profitable to the general public as well as the members of the medical profession.

His Excellency continued: "It is the duty ofthe medical practitioners not only to give their patients, whether rich or poor, the best medical attention and care that they can, when they are ill, but also to guide them to a healthier and happier life."

The various medical conferences held in Bombay would give those participating in them an opportunity to exchange views on problems confronting them in their daily practice, discuss the merits and demerits of new methods of treatment and would add to their storehouse of knowledge.

"I notice" continued His Excellency that, side by side with the various conferences, you are holding a general exhibition of drugs, instruments and appliances. I hope this will give a fillip to Indian industries pertaining to the manufacture of drugs, surgical instruments and other medical and surgical equipment. I must confess that I am agreeably surprised at the variety of products of Indian manufacture displayed at the Exhibition.

"Bombay City, with its galaxy of eminent Consultants of all-India fame in the several branch of Medicine and Surgery and with its several medical institutions, well-known throughout India, has contributed its own share to the development of scientific medicine in India and has given a lead to other Provinces in introducing the system of appointment of Honorary Medical Officers in the larger Government and Municipal Hospitals and in Medical Colleges. This has not only helped to keep down the expenditure on medical attention and care obtainable, and the medical students, the benefit of the experience and skill of the best specialists in their respective subjects At the same time, it has helped to give the Honorary Medical Officers that varied experience which one can get only in large teaching hospitals and has enable some of them to rise to the top of their profession.

DEARTH OF QUALIFIED DOCTORS

"We in this Province have been finding it difficult to obtain an adequate number of qualified doctors for our schemes of rural relief, despite the fact that we have tried to make the terms as attractive as possible. I understand that this difficulty is also being experienced in other Provinces in India and even in other countries like the U. K. and the U.S.A. where the number of doctors as compared with the population is proportionately larger. This, I believe, is in a large measure due to the tendency on the part of medical practitioners to crowd into large cities and towns and their unwillingness to settle in rural areas.

"The medical profession owes its greatness to its spirit of self-sacrifice and its ideals of service of humanity, and I appeal to the general practitioners amongst you to practise these high ideals and to help government to extend the benefit of medical relief in rural areas by offering themselves for service in such areas in large numbers, even at some sacrifice to themselves.

"If the public are to obtain the full benefit of the knowledge and experience of doctors, it is necessary that the latter must take an increasing share in civic responsibilities There are several matters in which they can help, e.g., medical examination of school children, and problems relating to their nutrition, promotion of physical education and improvement of sanitation in the towns and villages in which they reside. If they co-operate in all these different spheres, they will have contributed a great deal towards the health and happiness of their fellow-men.

"The Art of Healing", continued Sir John, "is rightly considered to be the noblest in the world. On your efforts will depend to a large extent the future of free and independent India. It is up to you to prevent the economic waste which now occurs as a result of sickness which is preventible, and it is for you to take measures to ensure that the worker who falls ill is restored to health and enabled to resume his normal work in the minimum time. Honest and sincere work of this sort will assist considerably the economic and industrial development of India and enable it soon to take its pride of place amongst the leading nations of the world.

"I must say how glad I am to have had the opportunity of addressing so distinguished and important a conference within a few days of my departure from India. I shall carry with me many happy recollections of Bombay and this gathering will be one of them—but more than this I shall also carry to England a feeling of confidence in India's future which I hope and firmly believe will be a great one concluded Sir John Colville.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

For more than 60 years, our national organisation fought for independence. The cherished and declared goal was Purna Swarajya and Akhanda Hindustan. Is this the Purna Swarajya which we have achieved and is this Akhand Hindustan for which so many battles were fought and sacrifices made?" asked Lt. Col. Amir Chand, in the course of his presidential address.

The president continued: "Hindustan meant the subcontinent from Hindu Kush down to Cape Comorin. "Hindu" bore relation to "Sindhu" (Indus). Now where is Hindu Kush and where is Sindhu? And where is united Bengal and where is the Punjab, the land of the five rivers? Driven almost down to Beas is it not the last ditch for us from where, if we do not consolidate ourselves firmly enough, we will be thrown beyond Cape Comorin by the next push?

The president next referred to the partition of the country and the murder, assassination, loot, plunder, housebreaking, arson, butchery, bestiality, savagery, carnage, rape, abduction, forcible conversions, unlawful ejection of owners from their houses and their occupation at the point of the goonda's knife which have come in the wake of the socalled accepted division of the country.

In this drama, the Britisher had played his part remarkably well. He used to say that before quitting, he would see that the country was smashed into bits. And verily he had kept his word.

Was it not extremely significant that in all the districts administered by British officials the riots had broken out suddenly and simultaneously while those administered by Indian officials had remained, at that stage, largely if not entirely peaceful?

Independence was not a small gain. It had given us our own government but let not the Government soar so high as to lose contact with the people on whose good will and support alone it could rest.

"The health of an individual is the unit of the health of a nation. It is a national asset of the first degree, for it is both physical and mental", continued the President and added that to bring about its improvement special attention had to be paid to diet, housing, clothing, general education, health education, prevention and cure of disease, social hygiene, industrial hygiene and maternity and child welfare.

In New Zealand where there were no slums and no mal-nutrition, and where there was social security, the expectation of life at birth was 70 years. In India it was just 27 years. A good deal depended on the earning capacity per capita which must be raised and poverty and ignorance, the two main stumbling blocks in the progress of a nation must be removed in a determined way.

The President devoted a good deal of attention to the indigenous systems of medicine and by numerous quotations illustrated that they and science were poles apart from each other. He remarked that it would be a highly retrograde and dangerous step to go back to the medieval ages for the sake of emotional, sentimental, national or any other consideration.

APPEAL TO MEDICAL FIRMS

Speaking at the opening of the Medical Exhibition, Mr. A. P. Sabawalla, Mayor, appealed to the commercial firms in the country to turn out the best materials and not palm off spurious products. They had practically a monopoly since foreign products, equipment and appliances were difficult to import.

Mr. Sabawalla also appealed to the medical profession to give their support and patronage to Indian products and not to be deluded into believing that everything foreign was superior and products of Indian manufacture were inferior.

It was a shame that to all the petitions and prayers of the Corporation for relieving the present acute congestion by increasing the city limits, the Bombay Government had so far turned a deaf ear, continued the Mayor.

The Bombay Government had kept aside about Rs. 20 crores for post-war reconstruction and the Mayor said that it would be quite proper if Rs. five crores were given to the Corporation to enable it to push through its housing schemes and relieve the present acute housing congestion.

Later in the evening the members of the medical corporation attended the opening of the Physio-Therapy and Rehabilitation hutments by Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Director General of Health Services.

NEWS

A GIFT FROM AN ARTIST

Thursday, 25th

A year back Govt. of India granted licence to Artist Kanu Desai to produce a picture. In recognition of his art achievements. News is now to hand KANU DESAI has completed his picture GITA GOVIND based on the life of Jaidev and that it will be released simultaneously at Two Theatres MAJESTIC and BROADWAY, through Jaisinh Pictures Ltd., who have secured distribution rights.

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Governor Colville at the 24th All-India Medical Conference; picture above shows Sir John shaking hands with Dr. Jivraj Mehta.

French Anti-Inflation Bill Passed

Communists And Right Wingers Vote Against

Political Struggle Develops Around "Save-The-Franc" Plan

PARIS, Dec. 24 (Reuter): The French National Assembly will meet this morning, having passed the anti-inflation bill—first of the "save the Franc" measures—after a four-day debate which tested the Government's strength against both left and right.

The official revised vote total revealed passage of the bill by 300 votes to 268. The figure first given was 323 to 280, but it was understood that the absentions had not been taken into account.

Communists, some Radicals and the majority of the Right Wing (including the Gaullist deputies) voted against.

GOVT. HARD PRESSED

A political struggle has developed around the "save the Franc" plan and throughout the debate the Government has been hard pressed by the de Gaullist deputies, who at the outset called for a dissolution of Parliament on the ground that after the de Gaullist victory in the October municipal elections the Assembly was no longer representative.

Just what remains of the Government's original bill has yet to be estimated. Amendments concerning the scale of the levy on industrial, commercial and agricultural profits were estimated to reduce the yield by about 20 per cent.

On the other hand, the Government at the special request of the Assembly's Finance Commission, has agreed to reduce civil and military estimates for next year by ten per cent, theoretically economising more than the amount conceded on the levy.

The scope of the special levy has been considerably extended. Originally planned to touch incomes exceeding 750,000 francs, it will, as voted, be applied to incomes of over 450,000 francs.

The four days debate, included an all-night sitting deputies continuing the discussion from 9 p.m. on Monday until last night's vote with only an hour's break for lunch.

Inside Parliament, the so-called "third force", including essentially the Socialists and the Popular Republicans, with some radicals, feel that with the strikes over and the first part of their financial programme votes, they are now masters of the situation.

Outside Parliament, people realise that a series of increases in the prices of essential commodities will accompany the Government's measures, and general expectation is that an other upward revision of wages may follow.

The assembly passed shortly before midnight the bill authorising the Government to raise a special three per cent tax-free "anti-inflation" loan, which will be open to public subscription—a point not made clear in Finance Minister M. Aene Mayer's original statement on Saturday.

The Loan was voted by 351 to 189.

The main function of the loan will be to permit, under certain circumstances, persons liable to the emergency levy to buy loan certificates.

One of the surprises of the debate was an amendment by M. Rene Pleven, Left Wing resistance minister under General de Gaulle, to axe the civil service and State industries by 150,000 employees.

This amendment was adopted by a large majority.

Although it is too early to survey the bill in its amended form, it seems certain that some of the load which the Government was trying to put on the French taxpayer has now been shifted on to the Government itself.

The "once only" levies to be paid in 1948 by professional classes, farmers, businessmen and the high class salaried persons have been reduced noticeably and the Government has undertaken to cut its expenditure by ten per cent.

Bombay Delegates Muslim Conference

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A batch of 150 delegates, including Mr. M. Harris, Editor, "Ajmal", Mr. Haji Babullah, President, Jamiat-ul-Ansar, Maulana Mahomed Azmi, Gen. Secretary, Jamiat-ul-Ulema, Bombay, Mr. Abdullah Parkar, Joint Secretary, Federation, Nationalist Muslim Centres, left Bombay by Peshawar Express, this evening to attend the All Parties Muslim Conference, convened by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and to be held at Lucknow on 27th and 28th December. They were given a warm send off by a large number of Nationalist Muslims, at Victoria Terminus, including Mr. Adam Adil, President, Federation of Nationalist Muslim Centres, Bombay.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi and Mr. M. Y. Nurie, members of the Committee appointed at the Preliminary Conference of Muslims in Delhi, left for Lucknow by the Punjab Mail in the afternoon.

The Government of Bombay has cancelled the orders of forfeiture of copies of the issue dated April 21, 1918 of the Marathi daily newspaper "Sandesh", printed by Mr. Achyut Balwant Kolhatkar at the Shrutibodh Printing Press, Bombay.

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Merger Of Gujarat States Imminent

MEDIATION BY BAO DAI IMPROBABLE

LONDON, Dec. 24 (Reuter): It was extremely improbable that Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, would consent to mediate in Indo-China unless France agreed to more liberal terms than those announced last September by M. Emile Pollaert, French High Commissioner the 'Times' said today.

Bao Dai, who recently flew from Hong Kong to meet M. Bollaert for an important conference, felt that if he gave way he would forfeit his still considerable influence with the Annamese and make his own return to Viet Nam impossible except with the support of more bayonets that France was likely to afford, the leader declared.

"If France is now ready to meet the nationalist aspirations of the moderate elements in Viet Nam politics, M. Bollaert's chances of arranging successful mediation by Bao Dai may become promising."

BAO DAI LEAVES FOR LONDON

HONGKONG, Dec. 24 (Reuter): Bao Dai 34-year-old former Annamite Emperor, left here for London today aboard a British Overseas Airways Corporation Transport.

Bao Dai is expected to visit Holland, Belgium and possibly the United States before returning.

The object of the trip was believed in French Colonial Ministry circles to be assure himself that he has the requisite international support to accept a tentative French Government proposal to lead a loose federation of the three eastern provinces of Indo-China, where a civil war has been waged for more than a year.

IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS TAKING PLACE

SURAT, December 24 (API).—Important developments have taken place in the various small States of Gujarat during the past few weeks. With public opinion increasingly tending towards the demand for a merger of these States with the Bombay Presidency and the various Prajamandals working towards the achievement of responsible government, negotiations are afoot between the States authorities and the Prajamandals "with a view to arrive at a settlement in keeping with the conditions prevailing in these States."

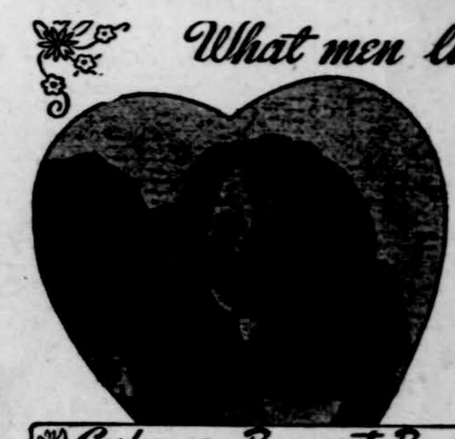
Meanwhile a meeting of 'D' group rulers of Gujarat was held at Rajpipla on Saturday December 20 under the Presidentship of the Ruler of Rajpipla. The present situation in Gujarat States as well as the developments with regard to States in various parts of India is believed to have been discussed by the meeting which passed the following resolution. "We reaffirm our resolution of September last to the effect that responsible Government should be granted to the people. The time has now come when leaders of all political parties in the States should be taken into confidence and we should devise effective and concerted measures to transfer power to the peoples representatives culminating into a Government responsible to the legislature.

Informed circles attach great importance to this meeting of rulers in view of the fact that ultimatums have been sent to the rulers by Prajamandals of at least two States demanding a declaration of responsible Government by a fixed date failing which satyagraha will be started These ultimatums expire by the end of the current year and announcements are expected on Sunday next.

Dewan Bahadur Chunilal Gandhi, a leading citizen of Surat, is in charge of negotiations on behalf of the authorities in some of the states and he has been negotiating terms in Rajpipla and Dharampur during the past two days.

ATHENS December 21 (Reuter): A Special War Crimes Tribunal here today sentenced General Alexander Andre, the German Commander in Crete after the invasion of the island, to life imprisonment on charges of mass murder and atrocities against the people of Crete.

What men like about women



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Moderate Profit Taking In Cotton Market

SHARP DECLINE IN CASTORSEEDS ON HEAVY UNLOADING

Bullion Market Quiet With Renewed Selling

BOMBAY, December 24.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed today and will re-open on the 2nd January. The general feeling remains bullish and traders look for constructive developments. Tata Steel Dfds. were nominally quoted around Rs. 2,075 and Bombay Dyeings around Rs. 1270.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

The produce market was quiet today. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 145/12 and advanced at Rs. 146/12 on moderate buying but declined at Rs. 145/1 on general unloading. Ready castorseeds were quoted at Rs. 33/4. Groundnuts Khandesh quality ready were quoted at Rs. 32/8. Bold December/January were quoted at Rs. 31/3 while February/March business was done at Rs. 31/1. Groundnut oil December was quoted at Rs. 17/14. January at Rs. 17/12 and February at Rs. 17/13. Linseed Ready was quoted at Rs. 28/13 while February/March business was done at Rs. 28/13.

Later on there was increased selling and Castorseeds May delivery closed at Rs. 143/11.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 24:

The forward cotton market was officially open today but no business was possible owing to some difficulties about the accounts of a member of the Association.

The Bombay Government has passed a bill to control forward trading but so far no steps are taken to put the law into action.

Teji Mandi operations are prohibited in the cotton market but extensive business is being done and is known to all concerned. During the last few days there was a steady rise of about Rs. 50/- per candy and sellers of call rights are now caught. In this direction it may be mentioned that even call rights were sold for annas eight on the fixed basis of Rs. 500 all such transactions have created some difficulties and no business was done today. Nominally January contract was due to open at Rs. 524/- and March at Rs. 517/-.

Later on it was reported that some attempts were made for a compromise as Teji Mandi business is legal.

At about 3-30 p.m. normal trading was started and January was quoted at Rs. 524. There was moderate profit-taking which declined January at Rs. 521 while March was quoted at Rs. 514. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. Jan.	520	8	0
I.C.C. March	513	8	0
I.C.C. May	516	0	0
I.C.C. July	520	0	0
I.C.C. Sept.	522	8	0

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, December 24:

The Bullion market was fairly steady with moderate business. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 168/12 and improved at Rs. 169/1 under scattered buying and quietened at Rs. 168/14. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of annas fourteen at Rs. 169/12. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 104/14 and after improving at Rs. 105/2 reacted at Rs. 104/13 Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 104/15.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	168	10	0
Forward Silver	167	10	0
Ready Gold	104	12	0
Forward Gold	104	10	0

CHICAGO WHEAT
Chicago, Dec. 23.

March	3.04-1/2 to 3.04-1/2
May	2.95-4/3 to 2.96
July	2.64-1/2 to 2.64-1/4

LONDON WHEAT
London, Dec. 23.

Australian Wheat (bulk)
F. O. B. 137/6 Feb/Mar, quoted

NEW YORK SILVER
New York. Dec. 23.

U. S. Price of foreign silver 74-5/8 cents

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, Dec. 23.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
Jan.	527	519-1/2	524
March	520	515-1/2	517
May	524	518	519
July	526	523	523-3/4
Sept.	528	525-1/2	525-1/2
Karachi 4F Jan.			55/8/0

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Dec. 23.

January	35.39+03
March	35.64+03
March Highest	35.74+15
March Lowest	35.53—08
May	35.41+08
July	31.28+05
October	31.20—
December	30.73+03
March	30.55+12
May	30.10—
Middling Spot	30.46+03

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

Sharp Reaction From Early High Level

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.

Early firmness reflected larger February grain export allocations together with the re-entry of the production and marketing administration, into the flour market for delivery upto January 15th. However, selling of maize was credited to Eastern houses and local traders which uncovered limited buying interest. The reported improvement of the European winter grain crop subsequently resulted in sharp reactions from the early high levels.

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, Dec. 24.

Coiryarn Beypore 170/180; Quilandy 185/195; Fibre Garbled 125; Ungarbled 115; Cocoanuts Raw 116/117; Dry 154/155 Cocoanut Oil 407; Copra Office 280; Dilpasand 312/8; Madrasnottam 325; Pepper Wynad 740; Country 725; Dry Ginger Chernad 260; Ernad 240; Coffee Robusta 96; Timber Pali 60/65; Junglewood 28/30; Vellapine 46/50; Benteak 55/60; Teak 90/95; Mango Planks 3/3/4; Teak 12/17/8; Rosewood 12/17/8.

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, Dec. 23.

Wheat 23/8; Gram 20; Barley 15/8; Maize 17; Bajra 16/12; Arhar 16/8; Peas 15/8; Sarson 26/8; Moongphalli 12/12 to 13/12; Binola 12/12; Forward business in Gur resumed Ready 15/4; Fagun 16/2; Oats Ready 12; Jeun 10/11/3; Silver Forward 166; Gold 103/4; Quiet Bardana, Mangsir 85/8; January 96; April 95/8 Quiet.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Dec. 23.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	82-
Coversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-3/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	112-1/4
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114-1/8
Chartered Bank of I A. and China	11.3/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Lond. Reg.)	119-1/2
National Bank of India	34.3/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 9089

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January Contract is 1519 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 24.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th 12th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month

New York and Montreal B C Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T T Rs. 330

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4 Montreal Rs. 328 1/2

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C

Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 3550

Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs. 3650

Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79

Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305

Java Banks Selling T T D D

Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate Dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/8.

London Discts. 3 Months 17/32 p.c.

London Discts 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p. c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call 1/2 p c 3 months 1/2 p c 6 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1-1/4 p. c.

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ACTIVE TRADING IN WALL STREET

Marshall Plan Considered Highly Inflationary

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, (U. P. A.): Active trading featured today's session of the New York Stock Exchange with the pace set by major rail and steel pivotals.

Rails finished the day at the best levels since February 11 and just a shade under the yearly high. Resumption of the upward movement after yesterday's mild sell-off was attributed to continued reaction to the Marshall Plan which Wall Streeters consider highly inflationary.

Stock sales totalled 1,360,000 shares; Curo sales totalled 350,000 shares and Bonds, 6,110,000.

Low Jones average closings: Industrials, 180.71; Rails 52.48; Utilities, 33.35; and Bonds, 97.60.

Closing prices included:—

STOCK.	
Allis Chemical	186
American Smelting	56 1/2
American Tel. and Tel.	150 5/8
Anaconda Copper	34 7/8
Bankers Trust	38 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	105 3/8
Boeing Airplane	23 1/4
Canadian Pacific	11 3/4
Chase National Bank	33
Coty	5
Douglas Aircraft	47 1/2
General Electric	34 5/8
General Motors	57 1/2
Gillette	33 7/8
Goodyear	44 7/8
International Nickel	27 1/8
Lockheed	14 3/8
Nash Kelvinator	18 1/4
National City Bank	38 1/8
New York Central	15
Pennsylvania Railroad	18
Shell Oil	33 3/4
Southern Pacific	49 1/2
Standard Oil of N. J.	78 7/8
Studebaker	21 7/8
Swift & Co.	35 5/8
Technicolour	12 3/4
Twentieth Cent. Fox	22 3/8
U. S. Steel	80
Warner Brothers	13
Westinghouse Electric	30 3/8
American Can	78
American Radiotor	—
American Sugar	—
American Tobacco	66 7/8
Celanese	28 3/8
Chrysler	63 3/4
Consolidated Edison	21 1/8
DuPont de Nemours	186 1/2
Eastman Kodak	44 7/8
Int. Tel. & Tel.	12 1/8

NEW YORK PEPPER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, (U. P. A.): Black pepper futures closed unchanged to 200 points lower with sales of one contract on the New York market today.

December, 1947, delivery which went off the board at noon, traded unchanged at 42 cents per pound. The spot market was extremely quiet reflecting the impending Christmas holidays.

Spot lampong was quoted unchanged at 43 cents per pound nominal. Dealers reported small offerings available.

White muntok was firm, rising to 57 cents nominal.

Closing prices: January, 39 bid; March, 35 bid; May, 33 bid; July, 34 nominal; September-October, 33 nominal.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 23, (U. P. A.): On the London market, trading in pepper was most idle, prices being unchanged from yesterday.

WORTH STREET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, (U. P. A.): On the Worth Street market today trading was reported as little more than routine. Buyers and sellers adopted a neutral attitude with mills and the wool market preparing to close for the Christmas holidays.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, Dec. 23.

March	35.64+08
May	35.41+12
July	34.28—13
October	31.29+05
December	30.70+11
Middling Spot	35.30+

Shaw Scoffs At Nation Of Teetotallers

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter). George Bernard Shaw, world famous teetotaller and vegetarian playwright, believes there can be no such thing as a nation of teetotallers.

He stated this view in answer to questions from the publisher of the "Irish Licensing World."

Asked whether he thought Ireland would enhance her place among the nations by becoming entirely teetotal, the 91-year old Irish author said:

"Which nations? In the South of Europe, where wine is a matter of course on the table, as water is with us, we should be regarded as lunatics.

In Scandinavia we should be classed as a religious order.

That the question is idle the fate of prohibition in the United States has shown. It proved that no such things as a nation of teetotallers is possible."

Asked "Would Irish writers obtain greater creative thought if they abstained from alcoholic stimulants", Shaw replied:

"Some of them would be unable to do without them. Ibsen was a soaker, Beethoven was a soaker, Sheridan was certainly not a teetotaller, nor was Moore.

"I forebear to cite modern Prime ministers who are heavy drinkers. On the other hand, some great thinkers poets, and saints have been abstainers.

"I myself am a vegetarian and a teetotaller, but I cannot prove that I should not do better if I lived on brandy, like Edmund Kean (the actor)."

Irregular Price Movement In N. Y. Cotton Market

AWAITING CONGRESS VERSION IN AID PROGRAMME

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, (U. P. A.): Trading in cotton was slow and featureless under the influence of preholiday idleness, on the New York Cotton Exchange today.

New York and New Orleans exchanges close at noon tomorrow until Friday morning for Christmas.

The market fluctuated irregularly over a range of one dollar per one volume estimated below 100,000 bales which is the smallest in some time Prices were affected in small alternate flurries of hedge selling against routine trade and mill buying. Outside participation was negligible as speculators sidelined for the year-end and pending Washington developments in the new session in January on the foreign aid program. The recent optimism regarding exports was tempered somewhat by reports that Congress may write its own version of the aid program.

The market opened five to 15 points lower. It back-filled irregularly thereafter reaching highs early in the afternoon and then eased slightly again at the finish under realizing to close a net unchanged to eight points higher.

AID FIGURES.

It was indicated that Congress may slash the contemplated aid figures by nearly 2,000,000,000 dollars to the neighbourhood of 5,000,000 dollars for the first 15 months of the program. It was also reported that Congressional circles who are opposing the program may seek to have the funds appropriated thereafter as a one-year only business and only "if and when needed." Naturally any move in that direction casts doubts over the extent of American cotton exports under the aid program and has injected a greater note of caution among buyers until the situation definitely is clarified. Moreover doubts also are existing over the extension of the export subsidy program.

Although trade quarters cling to the belief the Government shortly will announce the continuation of the present half-cent per pound rate there is a controversy among traders that the current rate is too small and causing more book-keeping trouble than it is worth. Under the present program, cotton registered for export under the Commodity Credit Corporation must be shipped first. Meanwhile some concern was expressed over the fact that stock at ports now approximates 1,000,000 bales.

Traders expect irregularity for the balance of the year but are still convinced that the long-range viewpoint still is quite bullish.

International Christmas Party Of U. N. Employees

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 24 (UPA)—One hundred and eighty United Nations employees from 35 countries are going on an international Christmas party Wednesday to Binghamton, New York and its adjoining cities, Endicott and Johnson City, to celebrate Christmas in American family style.

Major Jan Eisenhardt, Danish-born Canadian director of United Nations staff activities, said a three-day party has been arranged in which guests and hosts have been paired off without having seen each other. The party will gather at the United Nations headquarters here today and take special buses to the railroad for the 45-hour train trip to Binghamton where a civic reception will greet them.

Eisenhardt said that Binghamton residents especially are anxious to get acquainted with Russians, four or five of whom are going. The bulk of the United Nations party will be French and British. Those going are mostly secretaries and lesser administrative workers who last year spent a dreary Christmas in New York apartments without families or places to go.

After the civic reception visitors will scatter to homes where they are assigned. A community church service and a formal lunch have been arranged but most of the time will be spent informally at hosts' homes. Guests will join family celebrations, give exchanges around Christmas trees and tell hosts' children stories about Christmas celebrations and their homelands. Eisenhardt said he planned to teach hosts' children the Scandinavian custom of putting almonds in rice pudding, bestowing a price to the person who receives it.

TRUMAN GRANTS X'MAS PARDON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UPA): President Truman today granted Christmas pardons for 1,523 violators of the wartime Selective Service Act, including a number of conscientious objectors. Government officials could not say how many persons would be released from custody by the President's Action.

Most of the 1,523 however had already been tried, but the principal effect of the Presidential action was to restore the political and civil fights of those pardoned.

The President acted on the basis of a report by his Amnesty Board. The Board reported that of the 15,805 Selective Service violation cases it was considered only 625 remained in Federal confinement. The Board reported it reviewed each case on its merits with the idea of recommending individual pardons. It decided that "no group should be granted amnesty as such." The board reported that "at least two-thirds of the cases considered were those of wilful violation not based on religious scruples."

No amnesty was granted for violators with past serious criminal records which indicated they had "no respect for law or civil rights by which they might have been restored." Instead the Board sought primarily to grant amnesty for those whose violation was due to ignorance, illiteracy misunderstanding or religious scruples.

U.S. TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM PANAMA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 34 (Reuter).—The United States is to withdraw "as quickly as possible" all troops from the 14 Defence bases on Panama which she has occupied since 1941, the State Department announced here last night.

This decision followed unanimous rejection by the Panamanian Parliament of an agreement which would have allowed the United States to occupy the bases for periods of from five to ten years.

The rejection of the agreement was ascribed in Washington official circles to "pressure of internal political forces."

The State Department said these sites were still considered essential to the adequate defence of the Canal, but the United States did not want an agreement that was not acceptable to Panamanian people.

Mr. Albert Engel, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee on Defence, said earlier his body would begin immediate investigation into the possibility of a new canal to link America's Pacific and Atlantic fleets.

The Truman administration recently recommended to Congress rebuilding of the Panama Canal to turn it into a lockless seaway which would be immune from atom bombing.

Rejection of the agreement means that United States Defence of the Panama Canal will be limited to facilities available to it within the canal zone before United States entry into the last war.

COBRA LOSES FIGHT WITH TURKEY

MURRAYSBURG (CAPE): (Reuter). A fight to the death took place on Mr. I. Conradie's farm in the Murraysburg district between a Turkey guarding her nest, and a large yellow cobra.

The snake was evidently trying to get at the eggs and attacked the Turkey when it stood in its way. The bird was bitten, and this so enraged it that it stormed at the cobra and mutilated it to such an extent that the reptile died before the Turkey did.

Both the bird and the cobra were found lying near the nest in which the eggs were still untouched.

WOMAN REVEALS GOLD HOARD

GRAAF-REINET: (Reuter). "Mieta", an old woman in a arm belonging to Rupert Vandeberg Charlwood, Kendrew, is very happy. A few days ago she approached Mr. Vandeberg to ask him to make a few purchases for her in Graaff-Reint. Untying her handkerchief she handed Vandeberg a coin which on careful inspection, proved to be a half-sovereign.

Questioned by her master she admitted that she had "quite a number" hidden away The coins represent her savings over a period of years, and she was delighted to learn that today her half-sovereign is worth 18s. 6d.

SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN TRADE COMMISSION IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Mr. G.B. Nair, newly-appointed Superintendent of the Indian Trade Commission here, has arrived to take up duty and has already made a number of business contacts.

"PEOPLES' AGE" RELEASED ON BAIL

Trygve Lie Calls For Prompt Consideration Of Case

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Sayed Hasan, an Indian Journalist accredited to the United Nations who was arrested by the United States immigration authorities is free from detention today—but pending further investigation of his case and on 5,000 dollar bail.

Sayed Hasan, who is Correspondent of the 'Peoples Age', after release from Ellis Island on Bail, told reporters: "My detention was the result of my political beliefs and because I represent Communist newspapers."

The United States immigration authorities alleged that Sayed Hasan was liable to deportation because he entered the United States on a student's visa and then worked as a journalist.

Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, had called the attention of Mr. Warren Austin, Head of the American U.N. delegation Sayed Hasan's case and to the similar case of a Greek journalist, Mr. Nicholas Kyriazedes. Mr. Lie asked for "prompt consideration of" the question whether Sayed Hasan's arrest violated the United Nations Headquarters

CORRESPONDENT

agreement which provides that no accredited Correspondent shall be compelled to leave the country until the Secretary-General has been consulted.

Deportation proceedings were started yesterday by United States Justice Department against Mr. Kyriazedes, the department maintains, is a member of an organisation advocating the overthrow of the United States Government.

Mr. Kyriazedes is said to have refused to answer questions put to him by an Immigration Service Examiner.

"I will not answer," Mr. Kyriazedes kept repeating as the Examiner sought to learn his relationship with three Greek newspapers.

Mr. Kyriazedes' Attorney, Mr. Isidore Englander, challenged the jurisdiction of the hearing authorities in his opening remarks, asserting "there are very important considerations in this case, not only for this man but for the press and correspondent all over the world."

The presiding Inspector ruled that the hearing would determine if the Justice Department had jurisdiction and if there was sufficient basis for the warrant against Mr. Kyriazedes.

The Examiner, who sought unsuccessfully to learn if two of the papers Mr. Kyriazedes represented were Communist, adjourned the hearing until later.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY

NOTIFICATION

IN PURSUANCE of Clause 5 of the Indian Cotton (Control) Order, 1945, I hereby direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the Notification of the Textile Commissioner No 214-TA/45 (ii) dated the 19th January 1946, namely:

In the said Notification—

(i) In the opening paragraph for the figures "1946-47" the figures "1947-48" shall be substituted;

(ii) In Sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 2, the following proviso shall be added, namely:—

"Provided that where the cotton, the subject matter of the contract is of a quality either inferior or superior to the basic quality referred to in columns 1 and 2 of the Schedule, the ceiling price shall be decreased or increased as the case may be by an amount specified in columns 5 to 7 of the schedule;"

(iii) The footnote 1 (a) and the table below that shall be deleted.

(iv) For the Schedule annexed to the said Notification the following Schedule shall be substituted.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Cotton Season 1947-48	*Basic Staple*	*Floor Price* 47-48	*Basic Ceiling Price* 47-48	*"Off" & "On" Allowances for class other than basic class.*					*"Off" allowances for staple below basic staple*		*"On" Allowances for staple above the basic staple.*			
1	2	3	4	5					6		7			
				Good Rs.	F. Good Rs.	Fine Rs.	S. Fine Rs.	Extra S. Fine Rs.	Choice Rs.	2/32" Rs.	1/32" Rs.	1/32" Rs.	2/32" Rs.	3/32" Rs.	4/32" Rs.
Jarilla	3/4"	430	530	..	5	basis	5	15	25	35	20	25	45	65	90
Broach	3/4"	430	530	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	25	45	65	90
Vijay BD8 B9, 1027 & Farm Broach	3/4"	480	580	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	25	45	65	90
Surat	7/8"	545	645	..	5	,,	5	10	15	30	15	20	40	60	80
RG 4F P/Amn	3/4"	450	550	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
RG LSS P/Amn	13/16"	490	590	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
RG 289FP/Amn	7/8"	560	660	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
SG 4F/ ,, ..	3/4"	480	580	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
SG LSS ,, ..	13/16"	520	625	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
SG 289F ,, ..	7/8"	615	715	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
RG 4F Sind/Amn	3/4"	450	550	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
RG LSS ,, ..	13/16"	490	590	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
RG NT ,, ..	7/8"	515	645	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
SG 4F ,, ..	3/4"	480	580	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
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SG NT ,, ..	7/8"	560	690	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
Dhollera	3/4"	..	500	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
Kalagin	3/4"	..	500	..	5	,,	5	10	15	30	15	20	35	50	65
Bengal Deshi ..	..	..	375	20	basis	20	40	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Comra Deshi ..	..	..	425	..	..	basis	20	40	60	..	..	..	..	..	..
CpI & II Deshi & Central India.	5/8"	..	425	..	5	,,	5	15	25	..	20	25	45	65	..
Coompta ..	7/8"	530	630	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	15	35	50	65
Upland	13/16"	480	580	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80
Westerns.. ..	13/16"	455	580	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	15	35	50	65
Cambodia ..	7/8"	550	650	..	5	,,	5	15	25	50	25	40	60	80	100
Karunganni ..	13/16"	480	580	..	5	,,	5	10	15	35	20	20	40	60	80

Bombay, 23-12-1947.

T. SIVASANKAR
Textile Commissioner.

TATA CHEMICALS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates for 25 ordinary shares Nos. 89447-89451 and 204704-204723 of Tata Chemicals Ltd. standing in the name of Mr. M. J. Pereira along with one transfer instrument signed in blank have been lost or misplaced and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate Certificates for the said shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such a claim with the Company at its Registered Office, Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue the duplicate certificates.

M. J. PEREIRA.

Dated 25-12-1947

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS in B-2 (Item Rate) Form are invited for the work of constructing Hostel Buildings for students for the B. J. Medical College at Poona, estimated to cost Rs. 3,80,420 approximately and will be received by the Executive Engineer, Building Projects Division (No. 1), Poona, in his Office up to 3 p.m. (S.T.) on SATURDAY, the 10th January, 1948 and will be opened on the same day, Rs. 3,804 as earnest money should be paid into the Reserve Bank of India or nearest Government Treasury and the receipted chalan attached to the tender which should also be accompanied by a Solvency Certificate or Banker's Certificate of his financial stability without which the tender shall not be considered.

2. Blank tender forms can be obtained on payment of Rs. 10 per copy from the abovenamed office, during office hours on all working days upto Thursday, the 8th January, 1948.

3. The contractor shall quote the rates in words and figures. The rates and amounts for each item should be worked out and the requisite total given at the end. No alteration in the form of the tender or in the schedule of quantities and no addition in the shape of special stipulation shall be permitted.

4. Tenders which do not fulfil any of the above conditions or those in the printed tender and are incomplete in any respect, will be rejected.

5. Acceptance of the tender will rest with the Superintending Engineer, Project Circle, Poona, who reserves the right of rejecting any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

(Sd.) L. W. KALE,
Executive Engineer,
Building Projects Division
(No. 1).

13th December, 1947,
Central Offices,
Poona 1.

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G. I. P. RLY. — TENDERS.

The DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G. I. P. Railway, Bombay V. T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 6-1-1948 for the supply of Pulses at the Railway's Grainshops on the Poona and Bhusaval Divisions. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller, Grainshops, G. I. P. Railway at Poona and Bhusawal. 6654

CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT,
Bombay Castle, 18th December 1947.

ORDER

Bombay Essential Commodities and Cattle (Control) Act, 1946.

No. 410/H/IV. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Bombay Essential Commodities and Cattle (Control) Act, 1946 (Bom. XXII of 1946), the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that the following amendments shall be made to the Agricultural Machinery (Control of Prices) Order, 1947 (Order No. 410/E/IV, dated 21st November, 1947), namely:—

1. In item (I) of Sub-Clause (4) of Clause 2 of the said Order the work "manufacturer" shall be substituted for the word "exporter".

2. In Clause 3 of the said Order after the first proviso the following proviso shall be added.

"Provided further that where any article of agricultural machinery is delivered by an importer or dealer elsewhere than within the limits of Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District, the following charges may be added to the maximum selling prices specified in schedule 'B'.

(i) Charges actually incurred for transporting the article from a warehouse or other place of storage in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District to the place where delivery is given, but not exceeding 1% of the landed cost plus the railway freight chargeable by goods-train from a railway station in Bombay City or the Bombay Suburban District to the railway station nearest to the place of delivery.

(ii) Octroi or such other local taxes actually paid by the importer or the dealer while transporting the article from his warehouse or other place of storage in Bombay City or the Bombay Suburban District to the Place of delivery".

By order of the
Governor of Bombay,
D. S. BAKHLE,
Secretary to Government.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF NURSING SUPERINTENDENT, MAIN HOSPITAL, TISCO, JAMSHEDPUR.

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BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of an armourer in the Bombay City Police Force.

2. A candidate should possess the following qualifications:

(i) He must be Indian.

(ii) He must be between 19 and 30 years of age on 1st February 1948.

(iii) He must have passed the Matriculation Examination of the Bombay University or of a University recognised by the Bombay University.

(iv) He must be fully qualified armourer with at least 5 years experience of looking after armouries and all types of modern small arms.

(v) He must have good knowledge of Marathi, Gujrathi or Hindustani.

NOTE:—Ex-servicemen will be given benefit of previous service.

3. The selected candidate will be appointed as an officiating armourer on pay of Rs. 170-5-245 with free quarters and other allowances.

4. Intending applicants should forward their applications (giving particulars mentioned in paragraph 2) written in their own hand with copies of certificates and testimonials (which will not be returned) addressed to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, Headquarters, Bombay, so as to reach him on or before 15th January, 1948.

5. Applicants not fulfilling the required conditions or not supplying particulars asked for will be rejected and no correspondence will be carried on with them.

Head Police Office:
Bombay, 22nd Decr. 1947.

THE MODERN MILLS LIMITED
NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 24th January, 1948, to SATURDAY, the 31st January, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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V. N. CHANDAVARKAR,
Managing Director.

Registered Office:
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22nd December, 1947.

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BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED before 10-2-1948 for the post of SUPERINTENDENT, ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL, BOMBAY. PAY. Rs. 600-40-1000 PLUS dearness allowance if admissible. AGE:—Between 35 years and 45 years on 1-4-1948. Private practice allowed. QUALIFICATIONS.—M.D., M.S., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S. or F.C.P.S. (Bom.) by examination and such other high qualifications and experience considered essential for the performance of duties of the head of a hospital. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and crossed Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission." Bombay, who will also supply full details on request. CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL DISQUALIFY THE CANDIDATE CONCERNED. 6664

THE MYSORE SPINNING & MANUFATURING COMPANY LTD.

NOTICE OF 70TH DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors by virtue of the power vested in them under the Articles of Association, have determined to pay an Interim Dividend of Rs. 2/- and a Bonus of Rs. 2/- free of tax per Ordinary Share of Rs. 50/- and a Dividend of Rs. 1/2/0 (less income-tax) per 4-1/2 per cent Cumulative Preference Share of Rs. 50/- for the half year ended 31st August, 1947.

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22nd December, 1947. 6667

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. PHILLIP LUIS, of Bombay Christian Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

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Dated this 22nd day of December, 1947.

SABNIS GOREGAOKAR
& RELE,
6662 Purchasers' Attorneys.

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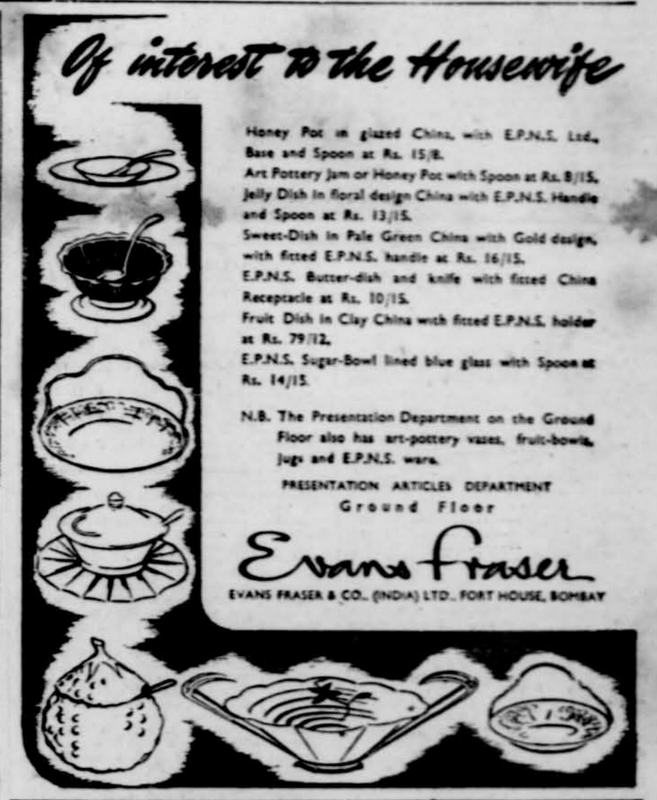
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